

# **Town of North Hero, Vermont Annual Report**



Part of the Knight House was built in 1785 making it the oldest standing structure in North Hero.

**For the period ending June 30, 2013**

# NORTH HERO TOWN DIRECTORY

Ambulance/Rescue/Fire	911
Vermont State Police	524-5993
Grand Isle County Sheriff	372-4482
Delinquent Tax Collector	372-6926
Grand Isle County Court	372-8350
North Hero Elementary School	372-8866
Town Office	372-6926
Listers Office	372-8503
Town Library	372-5458

## MEETINGS:

Selectboard – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of each month at Town Offices  
Planning Commission – 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at Town Offices  
Development Review Board – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at Town Offices  
School Board – 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at the Elementary School  
Volunteer Fire Department – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at North End Station  
Water Board – 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at Town Offices

## TOWN OFFICE:

Telephone #: 372-6926 FAX #: 372-3806  
Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 8 am-4:30 pm  
Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 8 am-Noon

Available at Town Office:

Dog Licenses – Due annually, on or before, April 1<sup>st</sup>  
Civil Marriage Licenses  
First & Second Class Liquor & Tobacco Licenses  
Hunting Licenses  
Vehicle Registration Renewals  
Notary, Photocopies & Fax Services

## TOWN WEBSITE:

[www.northherovt.com](http://www.northherovt.com)

Available on the website:

Minutes, Audio Recordings & Agendas - Town Boards  
Zoning & Civil Marriage license applications  
Water Department forms  
Absentee Ballot & Vital Records request forms  
Town Report

## TOWN LIBRARY:

Librarian – Judy Poquette Telephone #: 372-5458  
Hours: Tuesday 2:00 pm – 7:00 pm; Thursday 10:00 am – 3:00 pm  
Saturday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

## SOLID WASTE TRANSFER STATION: Open Saturday only

Winter Saturday Hours: 9 AM – 2 PM October – March  
Summer Saturday Hours: 8 AM – 4 PM April – October

## WATER PLANT:

Telephone #: 372-6258 (Water Plant), 793-8243 (cell)  
Simon Operation Services, Water Plant Contract Operator

## PROPERTY TAXES:

Payable at the Town Office – Drop box available after hours  
Due dates: August 20<sup>th</sup>, November 20<sup>th</sup>, February 20<sup>th</sup> & May 20<sup>th</sup>

## WATER FEES:

Payable at the Town Office – Drop box available after hours  
Due dates: July 20<sup>th</sup>, October 20<sup>th</sup>, January 20<sup>th</sup> & April 20<sup>th</sup>

## PUBLIC WORKS:

Telephone #: 372-4755 (Town Garage), 343-9493 (cell)  
Public Works Foreman – Patrick Loyer  
Assistant Public Works – Joe Cicia

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# Dedication



**Joe and Bev  
Poquette**

Joe Poquette was born and raised in North Hero. In 1972 he married Bev Creller, an Alburgh native. Married for more than forty years, they raised four children together on the Poquette farm where they still reside. Over the years Joe and Bev have been active members of the town and school communities. As they raised their family, both Joe and Bev volunteered many hours in the North Hero School. They coached boys and girls basketball teams and Joe gave wagon rides with his draft horses at school functions. Bev taught CPR and babysitting classes, organized haunted houses at Halloween and even drove the school bus for a time. If chaperones were needed, Bev was always available and she even helped organize school talent shows and yearly Christmas caroling with the school children via the school bus!

Joe owns and operates an excavation business in North Hero and has given generously of his time and equipment to various organizations. He volunteered to repair drainage issues at the school and make repairs to the school playground. Joe also donated equipment and materials to make repairs at Saint Benedict Church and aided in the construction of the Grand Isle Rescue building.

Both Joe and Bev were active members of the Grand Isle Rescue Squad. Joe was one of the first North Hero volunteers on the squad and served for 20 years as an EMT. He received two commendations for lifesaving rescues. While a member of the squad he served as Chief and District Board Representative. Bev volunteered for seventeen years with Grand Isle Rescue. During this time she served as President, Training Officer and District Board Representative. Both were also active with the North Hero Volunteer Fire Department. Joe was a member for fifteen years. Bev was a member of North Hero Volunteer Fire Department Women's Auxiliary and acted as President for a period of time.

Joe was involved in many changes as a member of the Selectboard. His first term lasted twelve years and he was instrumental in reconstructing and paving over twelve miles of town road, dealt with the closing of the town landfill and the creation of our current Transfer Station and changing from a calendar year to a fiscal year accounting system. He was involved with the construction of a new town cemetery and the recreation parks at Camp Ingalls and Pelots Point. As a Selectman, Joe dealt with blizzards, floods, ice storms, Community Hall/Town Office issues, and reappraisals. Starting in 1988, Joe spearheaded the beginning of the Town Water System. Before the present Water Board was formed, he served as Representative for the Selectboard, overseeing the construction of the Town Water System. During this time Bev assisted by completing surveys and doing door to door visits.

We dedicate this 2013 Town Report to Joe and Bev Poquette in recognition of all their years of service to this community. Volunteers are vital to the working of a small town and they are an inspiration to us all.

**Town of North Hero**  
**Candidates for Elective Office**  
**March 4, 2014**  
(as shown on official ballot)

**School District Election**

<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Term</u></b>	<b><u>Candidates</u></b>
School Moderator	One year	Ben W. Joseph
School Director	Two years	A. Dave Davis
School Director	Three years	Jennifer Gariety
School Auditor	Two years	none
School Auditor	Three years	none

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**Town Election**

<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Term</u></b>	<b><u>Candidates</u></b>
Town Moderator	One year	Ben W. Joseph
Selectboard	Two years	Evan Potvin
Selectboard	Three years	Robert Rousseau
		Robert Svendsen
Lister	Three years	Geraldine Siegel
Auditor	Two years	none
Auditor	Three years	Bill Karstens
Cemetery Commissioner	Five years	Bob Greenough
Library Trustee	One year	Marilyn B. Lagrow
Library Trustee	Two years	Bob Greenough
Library Trustee	Three years	Ann Porter
Library Trustee	Four years	none
First Constable	One year	Jim Benson
Town Agent	One year	Marie Kilbride
Town Grand Juror	One year	Pamela Eaton
Planning Commissioner	Two years	Richard Mitchell
Planning Commissioner	Three years	Ben W. Joseph
Planning Commissioner	Three years	Joe Wilusz

**\*\* Write-ins are possible for all positions \*\***

## North Hero's Elected Auditors' Report for the Year Ending June 30, 2013

The accounting records for fiscal 2013 of the school and the town were once again subjected to the scrutiny of independent public accountants. The CPA audit of the school's financial records is still underway but there is no question but that the end result will be "a clean opinion." This means that the school district will once again qualify for state and federal money. The towns records have been "reviewed" by Sullivan Powers and, to a much less rigorous degree, by your elected auditors. Those numbers show a well managed, prudent operation.

The key numbers For the year ended June 30, 2013 are summarized in the following table:

<u>Fund,</u>	<u>\$ Rounded to 000</u>	<u>Annual</u>	<u>Cash on hand</u>	<u>Cash, in days of</u>
		<u>Spending</u>	<u>6/30/13</u>	<u>operation</u>
School District		\$1,640,000	30,000	7
Water Department		455,000	413,000	331
Highway Fund		396,000	349,000	322
General & all other		<u>695,000</u>	<u>394,000</u>	<u>207</u>
Total		3,186,000	1,186,000	136

### School Matters

North Hero collected \$4 million in school (property) taxes in FY 2013\*. (That's \$41,000 for each of our "equivalent students.") In return, the state let us spend \$1.4 million on our students.

The North Hero school board is fully aware of these daunting numbers and has worked hard and, we think, quite successfully to come up with a cost effective budget for the K – 6 operation. Costs for 7 – 12 are another matter. All these students are "tuition-ed out." We know of only one further step they can take. That step would take the form of designating one school for grades 7 & 8 and another for grades 9 – 12. We have prepared a pro forma budget for such a scenario, using enrollment patterns for fiscal 2014 and 2015. These show that the school could save up to \$37,000 per year. Further details are shown on pages 56 and 57 of this report.

We have also concluded that there is a new window of opportunity for consolidation. Isle La Motte is facing a 17% percent increase in its budget this year. And their problems of low enrollment are bound to continue for both towns. We conclude that the two towns could benefit in both pedagogical and financial terms if Isle La Motte sent, say, its grade 2 - 6 students to North Hero. For a glimpse of the plight North Hero and Isle La Motte have in common, you need go no further than page 87 where you will see enrollment levels for the five Grand Isle County Schools.

We wish to express our gratitude to Bob Ayers for preparing another yarn on the people and places in North Hero as we struggled to make sense out of the numbers that capture the activities of our town and school. We also thank Town Treasurer Pete Johnson and Superintendent Bob Phillips and Business Officer Candy Chaples and the many many people who have prepared the reports found in this year's Town Report.

Bart Wilcox, Chair     Bill Karstens

January 31, 2014

\* Source: GISU

## TOWN AND SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

	<u>ELECTED POSITIONS</u>	<u>Term Expires</u> <u>Town Meeting Day</u>
Town Moderator	<b>Ben Joseph</b>	<b>2014</b>
School Moderator	<b>Ben Joseph</b>	<b>2014</b>
Town Clerk	Pete Johnson	2015
Town Treasurer	Pete Johnson	2015
Selectboard	<b>Rob Rousseau</b>	<b>2014</b>
	<b>Marie Kilbride</b>	<b>2014</b>
	Andre Quintin	2015
	Eileen Mitchell	2015
	James Martin, Jr.	2016
Listers	<b>Geraldine Siegel</b>	<b>2014</b>
	Bridget Timms	2015
	Mary Dattilio	2016
School Directors	<b>Albert Davis (appointed)</b>	<b>2014</b>
	<b>Jennifer Gariety</b>	<b>2014</b>
	Andrew Julow	2015
	Bridget Timms	2015
	Judith Wimble	2016
Town Auditors	<b>Bill Karstens (appointed)</b>	<b>2014</b>
	<b>Vacant</b>	<b>(fill 2 yr term)</b>
	Bart Wilcox	2015
School Auditors	<b>Bill Karstens</b>	<b>2014</b>
	<b>Vacant</b>	<b>(fill 2 yr term)</b>
	Bart Wilcox	2015
Cemetery Commissioners	<b>Robert Greenough</b>	<b>2014</b>
	Richard Mitchell	2015
	Roger Poquette	2016
	Michael Tranby	2017
	Tracy Giroux	2018
Library Trustees	<b>Andrew Julow</b>	<b>2014</b>
	<b>Lisa Zotto</b>	<b>2014</b>
	<b>Ann Porter (appointed)</b>	<b>2014</b>
	<b>Marilyn Lagrow (appntd)</b>	<b>2014</b>
	Ross Hamilton	2015
	Michele Viani	2016
	David Ferguson	2017
First Constable	<b>Jim Benson</b>	<b>2014</b>
Delinquent Tax Collector	Pete Johnson	2015
Town Agent	<b>Vacant</b>	<b>2014</b>
Town Grand Juror	<b>Pamela Eaton</b>	<b>2014</b>
Planning Commission	<b>Ben Joseph</b>	<b>2014</b>
	<b>Edward Wilusz</b>	<b>2014</b>
	<b>Richard Mitchell</b>	<b>2014</b>
	Pete Johnson	2015
	David Jacobs	2015
	Kate Kinney	2016
	Chip Porter	2016

**ELECTED POSITIONS**  
**CONTINUED**

**Term Expires**  
**Town Meeting Day**

		<b><u>Terms Expire</u></b>
Justice of the Peace	Robert Ayers	1/31/15
	Susan Davis	1/31/15
	Patrick Dupont	1/31/15
	Pamela Eaton	1/31/15
	Jeffery Potvin	1/31/15
Town Historian	Helen Kenney	No Set Term

**APPOINTED POSITIONS**

Development Review Board	<b>Melvin Kelly</b>	<b>2014</b>
	<b>Jim Kilbride</b>	<b>2014</b>
	Mary Jane Healy	2015
	Pete Johnson	2015
	Andrew Julow	2015
	Jim Blandino	2016
	Robert Miller	2016
Recreation Committee	<b>Louise Guillette</b>	<b>2014</b>
	<b>Vacant</b>	<b>2014</b>
	<b>Vacant</b>	<b>(fill 1 yr term)</b>
	Mary Catherine Graziano	2015
	Steven Ludwig	2015
	Mary Jo McCarthy	2016
	Chip Porter	2016
Water Commissioners	<b>Terry Schaefer</b>	<b>2014</b>
	Bryan McCarthy	2015
	Larry Dupont	2015
	Dwayne Cormier	2016
	James E. O'Boyle	2016
Zoning Administrator	Bob Ayers	2015
Fire Warden	Todd Keyworth	2016
Animal Control Officer	<b>Doug Ward</b>	<b>2014</b>
Health Officer	<b>Rob Rousseau</b>	<b>2014</b>
Town Service Officer	<b>Kathie Dustira</b>	<b>2014</b>
Emergency Management	<b>Jim Benson</b>	<b>2014</b>
E-911 Coordinator	Geraldine Siegel	
Assistant Town Clerk/Treasurer	Corinn Julow	
Public Works Foreman	Patrick Loyer	
Assistant Public Works	Joe Cicia	
Water Plant Operations	Simon Operation Services, Inc.	
Librarian	Judy Poquette	
Board of Civil Authority	Justices of the Peace, Selectboard & Town Clerk	

**TOWN OF NORTH HERO  
OFFICIAL WARNING  
INFORMATION HEARING**

The legal voters of the Town of North Hero are hereby notified and warned of a Public Hearing to be held at the North Hero Elementary School, in said town, on Monday, March 3, 2014 at 7:00p.m. Said hearing is an Information Hearing to discuss the articles listed below and to meet the candidates to be voted on by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 4, 2014.

**TOWN OF NORTH HERO  
OFFICIAL WARNING**

The legal voters of the Town of North Hero are hereby notified and warned to meet at the North Hero Town Offices, in said town, on Tuesday, March 4, 2014 with polls open between the hours of 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM to vote by Australian ballot on the following articles:

1. Will the legal voters of the Town of North Hero authorize for fiscal year 2014-2015 a general fund expenditure for operation expenses of \$833,523 of which \$624,823 shall be raised by taxes and \$208,700 by non-tax revenue?
2. Will the legal voters of the Town of North Hero appropriate the additional sum of \$2,500 (current voter approved appropriation is \$7,500) to supplement Pelots Bay Restoration Association's (PBRA) efforts in the cleaning and removal of invasive weeds from Carry Bay?
3. Will the legal voters of the Town of North Hero appropriate the sum of \$2,500 for support of the GRACE after-school program?
4. Will the legal voters of the Town of North Hero appropriate the sum of \$300 for support of the Franklin County Humane Society?
5. Will the legal voters of the Town of North Hero appropriate the sum of \$28,000 for the North Hero Fire Department to be used for the purchase of needed firefighting equipment?
6. Will the legal voters of the Town of North Hero approve the sum of \$21,866 to the Grand Isle County Mutual Aid Association for the North Hero share of the Emergency Communication and Dispatch System?
7. Will the legal voters of the Town of North Hero approve the sum of \$10,000 to defray operating expenses of Grand Isle Rescue?
8. Will the legal voters of the Town of North Hero appropriate the sum of \$46,410 for North Hero's portion of the County Wide Sheriff's Department?
9. Will the legal voters of the Town of North Hero appropriate the sum of \$31,000 for the purposes of paying facility use fees incurred by town and community programs to the North Hero Elementary School?
10. Will the legal voters of the Town of North Hero authorize the Library Trustees to spend all funds (i.e. fund raising, town allocations, grants, etc.) for support of the Library?
11. To elect, by ballot, a Moderator for one year.
12. To elect, by ballot, a Selectboard member who shall serve for three years.
13. To elect, by ballot, a Selectboard member who shall serve for two years.
14. To elect, by ballot, a Lister who shall serve for three years.
15. To elect, by ballot, an Auditor who shall serve for three years.
16. To elect, by ballot, an Auditor who shall serve for two years.
17. To elect, by ballot, a Cemetery Commissioner who shall serve for five years.
18. To elect, by ballot, a Library Trustee who shall serve for four years.
19. To elect, by ballot, a Library Trustee who shall serve for three years.
20. To elect, by ballot, a Library Trustee who shall serve for two years.
21. To elect, by ballot, a Library Trustee who shall serve for one year.

22. To elect, by ballot, a First Constable who shall serve for one year.
23. To elect, by ballot, a Town Agent who shall serve for one year.
24. To elect, by ballot, a Town Grand Juror who shall serve for one year.
25. To elect, by ballot, a Planning Commissioner who shall serve for three years.
26. To elect, by ballot, a Planning Commissioner who shall serve for three years.
27. To elect, by ballot, a Planning Commissioner who shall serve for two years.

The Town Clerk's Office will accept applications for persons' names to be placed on the checklist until 5:00 p.m. on the Wednesday preceding the day of the election, which is February 26, 2014. For purposes of voter registration, a mail application or an application submitted to the department of motor vehicles in connection with a motor vehicle driver's license or an application accepted by a voter registration agency shall be considered to have met the filing deadline if the application is postmarked, submitted or accepted by 5:00 p.m. on the Wednesday preceding the day of the election.

If you are sick or disabled a ballot can be delivered to your home on Election Day. Two justices of the peace (of different parties) will deliver a ballot to you, and then will bring the ballot back to the polling place so that it can be placed in the ballot box and counted.

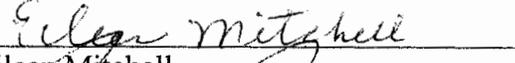
Any voter can request that the town clerk mail the voter an early voter absentee ballot. This ballot will arrive with a return envelope so that the ballot, once voted, can be returned to the clerk so that it can be counted on Election Day. The clerk must receive the ballot by the close of polls on Election Day in order to be counted. Voters may request absentee ballots no later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, March 3, 2014. A voted early voter absentee ballot, in a sealed envelope, can be hand delivered to the clerk on Election Day or prior to Election Day. The ballot can be returned to the clerk or delivered to the polling place by the voter or any person the voter authorizes to return the ballot for him or her. A person can only pick up his or her own ballot from the clerk's office.

Dated at North Hero, Vermont this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2014.

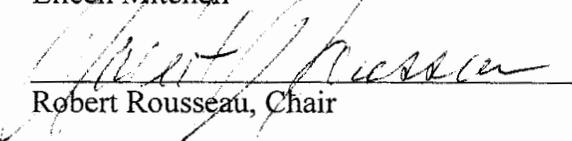
NORTH HERO SELECTBOARD

  
 Marie S. Kilbride

  
 James V. Martin, Jr.

  
 Eileen Mitchell

  
 Andre Quintin

  
 Robert Rousseau, Chair

Recorded and posted this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2014 at the Town Clerk's Office in North Hero, Vermont.

Attest:   
 Pete Johnson, Town Clerk/Treasurer

**NORTH HERO TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**WARNING FOR HEARING**

The legal voters of the North Hero Town School District are hereby notified and warned of a Public Hearing to be held at the North Hero Elementary School, in said town, on Monday, March 3, 2014 at 7:00p.m. Said hearing is an Information Hearing to discuss the articles listed below and to meet the candidates to be voted on by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 4, 2014.

**NORTH HERO TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**OFFICIAL WARNING**

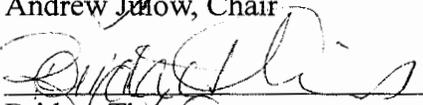
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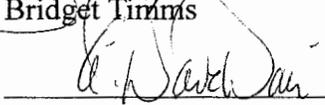
1. Shall the voters of the North Hero Town School District appropriate \$1,609,866 necessary for the support of schools for the year beginning July 1, 2014?
2. To elect, by ballot, a School Moderator for one year.
3. To elect, by ballot, a School Director for three years.
4. To elect, by ballot, a School Director for two years.
5. To elect, by ballot, a School Auditor for three years.
6. To elect, by ballot, a School Auditor for two years.

Dated at North Hero, Vermont this 15th day of January, 2014.

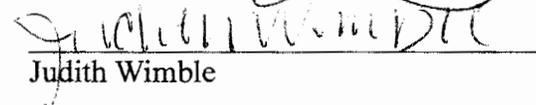
**NORTH HERO SCHOOL BOARD**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Andrew Julow, Chair

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Bridget Timms

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
A. Dave Davis

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Jennifer Garity

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Judith Wimble

Recorded and posted this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2014 at the Town Clerk's Office in North Hero, Vermont.

Attest:   
\_\_\_\_\_  
Pete Johnson, Town Clerk/Treasurer

**NORTH HERO SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ABSTRACT – ANNUAL INFORMATION MEETING  
MARCH 4, 2013**

The legal voters of the Town of North Hero met at the North Hero School, in said town, on Monday, March 4, 2013. Said gathering was an Information Meeting to discuss the articles listed below and to meet the candidates to be voted on by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 5, 2013. Approximately 40 voters, State Legislator's Mitzi Johnson and Bob Krebs and School Board members Andrew Julow, Judith Wimble, Jen Gariety and Principal Joe Restighini were present.

Ben Joseph, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:18pm. Ben read Article 1 and introduced Andy Julow, School Board Chair, who invited voters to comment and ask questions after the presentation.

**Article 1** - Shall the voters of the North Hero Town School District appropriate \$1,694,999 necessary for the support of schools for the year beginning July 1, 2013?  
**Andy Julow, School Board Chair, presented an overview of the budget. Some highlights: K-12 population is 109 kids; pre-school has been expanded to 5 days a week and all available student openings are filled; secondary tuition is our largest expense item followed by elementary instruction; 80% turnover of primary educators has led to expanded opportunities for students; anticipated 1.24% tax increase.**

**Questions: Special Education needs? 3 one on one aides currently. Mandated cost which is not controlled by local School Boards.**

**Post-elementary school designation? Options are designation/contract to a single School or allow school choice; preference is school choice.**

**Retirement incentive? This is the last year to be budgeted.**

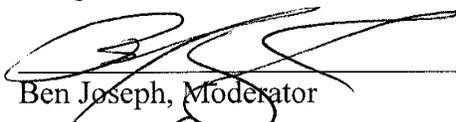
**Group health costs? 12% increase caused by premium increase & new staff coverage elections.**

**Guidance services? Upped from once every 2 weeks to once every week.**

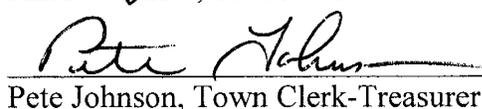
Discussion of open positions and request for any interested individuals to please stand-up and declare.

**No response.**

There being no further discussion the School District Informational Meeting adjourned at 7:47pm.

  
Ben Joseph, Moderator

  
Andrew Julow, School Board Chair

  
Pete Johnson, Town Clerk-Treasurer

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Ben Joseph, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:02pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Ben read each article and the voters in attendance were given the opportunity to comment or ask questions.

**Article 1** - Will the legal voters of the Town of North Hero authorize for fiscal year 2013-2014 a general fund expenditure for operation expenses of \$861,574 of which \$657,374 shall be raised by taxes and \$204,200 by non-tax revenue?

**Question: What is the plan for Public Works \$300,000 surplus? Surplus will be used for road improvements and additional paving.**

**Article 2** - Will the legal voters of the Town of North Hero appropriate the sum of \$28,000 for the North Hero Fire Department to be used for the purchase of needed firefighting equipment?

**Mike Murdock, NHVFD Chief, encouraged a ‘yes’ vote and said the \$3,000 increase over last year’s request would be used to reduce the debt on the departments ‘brush’ truck.**

**Article 3** - Will the legal voters of the Town of North Hero approve the sum of \$21,138 to the Grand Isle County Mutual Aid Association for the North Hero share of the Emergency Communication and Dispatch System?

**No comments or questions.**

**Article 4** - Will the legal voters of the Town of North Hero approve the sum of \$10,200 to defray operating expenses of Grand Isle Rescue?

**No comments or questions.**

**Article 5** - Will the legal voters of the Town of North Hero appropriate the sum of \$40,373 for North Hero’s portion of the County Wide Sheriff’s Department?

**No comments or questions.**

**Article 6** - Will the legal voters of the Town of North Hero appropriate the sum of \$31,000 for the purposes of paying facility use fees incurred by town and community programs to the North Hero Elementary School?

**Andy Julow, School Board Chair, stated, use fee is based on hours of usage.**

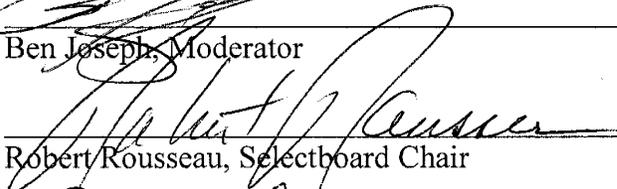
**Article 7** - Will the legal voters of the Town of North Hero authorize the Library Trustees to spend all funds (i.e. fund raising, town allocations, grants, etc.) for support of the Library?

**No comments or questions.**

Ben then reviewed the various positions to be elected and asked for all residents interested in being considered as a write-in to stand-up and declare.

There being no further discussion the Town Informational Meeting adjourned at 7:12pm.

  
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Ben Joseph, Moderator

  
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Robert Rousseau, Selectboard Chair

  
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Pete Johnson, Town Clerk-Treasurer

**NORTH HERO SCHOOL DISTRICT  
VOTING RESULTS  
MARCH 5, 2013**

**Voting by Australian ballot**  
208 voters cast ballots

**ELECTED POSITIONS**

**RESULTS\***

**FOR SCHOOL MODERATOR (1 YEAR) – Ben Joseph**

**FOR SCHOOL DIRECTOR (2 YEARS) – Bridget Timms**

**FOR SCHOOL DIRECTOR (2 YEARS) – Andrew Julow**

**FOR SCHOOL DIRECTOR (3 YEARS) – Judith Wimble**

**FOR SCHOOL DIRECTOR (1 YEAR) – Vacant**

**FOR SCHOOL AUDITOR (3 YEARS) – Vacant**

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**ARTICLES**

**RESULTS\***

Shall the voters of the North Hero Town School District appropriate \$1,694,999 necessary for the support of schools for the year beginning July 1, 2013?

**YES – 95      NO – 90**

\*(as reported on official Accuvote ballots and tally sheets dated March 5, 2013)

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**TOWN OF NORTH HERO  
VOTING RESULTS  
MARCH 5, 2013**

**Voting by Australian ballot  
208 voters cast ballots**

**ELECTED POSITIONS**

**RESULTS\***

**FOR MODERATOR (1 YEAR) – Ben Joseph**

**FOR SELECTBOARD MEMBER (3 YEARS) – Jim Martin**

**FOR SELECTBOARD MEMBER (2 YEARS) – Eileen Mitchell**

**FOR SELECTBOARD MEMBER (1 YEAR) – Robert Rousseau**

**FOR LISTER (3 YEARS) – Mary Dattilio**

**FOR AUDITOR (3 YEARS) – Vacant**

**FOR AUDITOR (1 YEAR) – Vacant**

**FOR CEMETERY COMMISSIONER (5 YEARS) – Tracey L. Giroux**

**FOR CEMETERY COMMISSIONER (2 YEARS) – Richard Mitchell**

**FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE (4 YEARS) – David Ferguson**

**FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE (3 YEARS) – Michelle Viani**

**FOR FIRST CONSTABLE (1 YEAR) – Jim Benson**

**FOR TOWN AGENT (1 YEAR) – Vacant**

**FOR TOWN GRAND JUROR (1 YEAR) – Pamela Eaton**

**FOR RECREATION COMMITTEE MEMBER (3 YEARS) – Chip Porter**

**FOR RECREATION COMMITTEE MEMBER (3 YEARS) – Mary Jo McCarthy**

**FOR RECREATION COMMITTEE MEMBER (2 YEARS) – Mary Catherine Graziano**

**FOR RECREATION COMMITTEE MEMBER (2 YEARS) – Vacant**

**FOR RECREATION COMMITTEE MEMBER (1 YEAR) – Vacant**

**FOR PLANNING COMMISSIONER (3 YEARS) – Chip Porter**

**FOR PLANNING COMMISSIONER (3 YEARS) – Kate Kinney**

**FOR PLANNING COMMISSIONER (2 YEARS) – Pete Johnson**

## ARTICLES

### RESULTS\*

Will the legal voters of the Town of North Hero authorize for fiscal year 2013-2014 a general fund expenditure for operation expenses of \$861,574 of which \$657,374 shall be raised by taxes and \$204,200 by non-tax revenue?

**YES – 161** NO - 44

Will the legal voters of the Town of North Hero appropriate the sum of \$28,000 for the North Hero Fire Department to be used for the purchase of needed firefighting equipment?

**YES – 184** NO - 24

Will the legal voters of the Town of North Hero approve the sum of \$21,138 to the Grand Isle County Mutual Aid Association for the North Hero share of the Emergency Communication and Dispatch System?

**YES – 173** NO - 31

Will the legal voters of the Town of North Hero approve the sum of \$10,200 to defray operating expenses of Grand Isle Rescue?

**YES – 193** NO - 13

Will the legal voters of the Town of North Hero appropriate the sum of \$40,373 for North Hero's portion of the County Wide Sheriff's Department?

**YES – 144** NO - 62

Will the legal voters of the Town of North Hero appropriate the sum of \$31,000 for the purposes of paying facility use fees incurred by town and community programs to the North Hero Elementary School?

**YES – 158** NO - 47

Will the legal voters of the Town of North Hero authorize the Library Trustees to spend all funds (i.e. fund raising, town allocations, grants, etc.) for support of the Library?

**YES – 200** NO - 8

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# Aerial Views



## Selectboard Report

Fiscal Year 2012-2013 saw no new or increasing sources of revenue for the town. Interest from savings continued to be steady but minimal, and non-tax revenue was stable. Grants written by Public Works Department personnel continued to help defray costs associated with maintenance of town roads.

The Public Works Department work on town roads included resurfacing and replacing culverts. Roads affected were Bridge Road, South End Road, Lakeview Drive, and West Shore Road. There have been some recent changes in the Public Works Department. Public Works Foreman Kevin Daignault resigned after ten years of service with the Town of North Hero. His dedication and expertise will be missed. Patrick Loyer has assumed Foreman responsibilities. The Selectboard altered the staffing pattern in Public Works to determine the effectiveness of having one full-time and one part-time employee. The significant reduction in the FY 2014-15 Public Works personnel budget reflects this change.

The Listers worked closely with the appraisers hired to do the reappraisal of properties in town, including making appointments with homeowners and entering reappraisal computer-based data. The reappraisal began in the summer of 2012 and will be completed in 2014 with publication of a booklet containing the new appraisals. Completion of the reappraisal is reflected in the 2014-15 budget by a reduction in costs associated with the Lister's Office.

There were several actions of note in FY 2012-13 involving the Town Clerk's Office and the Selectboard. The Town Clerk and the Selectboard received a final report concerning the Town's financial records from the auditing firm of Sullivan Powers and Company. The report indicated that the Town's financial records are being maintained appropriately. Members of the Board of Civil Authority (BCA) met with other county officials to participate in a well-attended BCA workshop sponsored by Vermont League of Cities and Towns and held in North Hero. The Selectboard met with the School Board to negotiate an extension of the lease for Town Offices at the North Hero School building. A five year lease extension was signed.

The Planning Commission worked to prepare an updated draft of Zoning Bylaws for consideration by community members and by the Selectboard. An initial public hearing, held in December 2013, was well attended and provided input to the revision process. At this point, it was decided that some further consideration of the public hearing input by the Planning Commission was appropriate.

## Selectboard Budget

### 2014-2015

The FY 2014-15 budget being submitted for voter consideration represents the Selectboard's continuing efforts to hold municipal costs stable. The board offers a FY 2014-15 budget that proposes a **decrease** of 5.7%.

#### Revenue

Total Non-Tax Revenue for FY 2014-15 is expected to be about 2% above FY 2013-14 revenue, essentially remaining stable over the past several years.

#### Expenses

1. In submitting budget requests that reflect their activities and goals: the *Listers* are overseeing the conclusion of reappraisal activities and the elimination of these costs can be noted in their budget. The *Library* Trustees continue with their plans for scheduled repairs and maintenance of the library building. The *Parks and Recreation* Committee has completed some repairs to the buildings at Camp Ingalls and has requested a small increase in support of its programming efforts for the coming year.
2. In the area of *General Expenses*, the County Tax has increased by approximately 5%.
3. The municipal *Total Expenditures* summary remains fairly stable overall, with an anticipated decrease of less than 1%.
4. The *Public Works* Department changed its staffing upon the resignation of Public Works Foreman Kevin Daignault. The department is currently being staffed by one full-time employee and one part-time employee. Evaluation of this staffing pattern will continue in FY 2014-15. The change in staffing pattern will enable the town to realize some cost savings. Other Public Works Department costs are expected to remain stable.

#### Individually Voted Articles

1. A request is presented from the *Sheriff's Department* that reflects approximately a 15% increase over last year.
2. A request is presented from *Pelots Bay Restoration Association* (PBRA) that reflects a 33% increase over last year.
3. A new request is presented from *Franklin County Humane Society* for \$300.
4. A new request is presented from the *G.R.A.C.E. Program* for \$2,500.

The Selectboard encourages voters to attend an Informational Meeting on Monday, March 3, 2014, at 7:00 pm at the North Hero School, 6441 US Route 2, North Hero, VT, to ask any questions they may have about the FY 2014-15 budget.

### North Hero Selectboard Budget Report

	2012-2013 Budget	2012-2013 Actual	2013-2014 Budget	2014-2015 Budget
<b>NON-TAX REVENUE</b>				
<b>Property Tax Fees</b>				
Interest Late Payment	\$4,000.00	\$4,265.18	\$4,200.00	\$4,300.00
Interest on Del. Taxes	\$12,000.00	\$10,327.99	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
Delinquent Tax Penalty	\$12,000.00	\$11,273.28	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00
<b>Total Property Tax Fees</b>	<b>\$28,000.00</b>	<b>\$25,866.45</b>	<b>\$30,200.00</b>	<b>\$30,300.00</b>
<b>State of Vermont</b>				
Current Use	\$15,200.00	\$14,732.00	\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00
State Taxes/Pilot	\$46,175.00	\$45,486.00	\$46,175.00	\$46,175.00
Judicial Fines/Other	\$3,500.00	\$2,977.08	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
<b>Total State of Vermont</b>	<b>\$64,875.00</b>	<b>\$63,195.08</b>	<b>\$65,175.00</b>	<b>\$65,175.00</b>
<b>Service Fees</b>				
Recordings/Vault	\$16,500.00	\$12,980.00	\$16,500.00	\$16,500.00
Record Restoration	\$4,000.00	\$3,230.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
ACT 68 Admin. Billing	\$0.00	\$9,119.00	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00
Liquor Licenses	\$500.00	\$460.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Dog Licenses	\$800.00	\$1,002.00	\$800.00	\$1,000.00
Marriage Licenses	\$275.00	\$45.00	\$275.00	\$275.00
Office Income	\$6,000.00	\$4,267.41	\$6,500.00	\$6,000.00
Building Applications	\$10,000.00	\$12,246.94	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00
Conditional Use Variance	\$2,000.00	\$600.00	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00
Zoning Regulations	\$3,500.00	\$1,275.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,000.00
Site Plan Applications	\$3,000.00	\$1,600.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Parks & Rec Programs	\$5,000.00	\$775.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
<b>Total Service Fees</b>	<b>\$51,575.00</b>	<b>\$47,600.35</b>	<b>\$55,825.00</b>	<b>\$55,025.00</b>
<b>Grants</b>				
Grant - HAVA & Planning	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Grant Revenue</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Other Fees</b>				
Interest on Investments	\$4,000.00	\$1,664.61	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Miscellaneous	\$1,000.00	\$97.48	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
<b>Total Other Fees</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,762.09</b>	<b>\$3,500.00</b>	<b>\$3,500.00</b>

	2012-2013 Budget	2012-2013 Actual	2013-2014 Budget	2014-2015 Budget
<b>Town Highway Revenues</b>				
Highway Aid	\$50,000.00	\$52,152.59	\$52,000.00	\$52,200.00
Interest	\$325.00	\$456.13	\$500.00	\$500.00
Grants	\$0.00	\$47,565.70	\$0.00	\$0.00
VWD Labor Transfer	\$0.00	\$7,873.67	\$6,000.00	\$2,000.00
<b>Total Highway Revenues</b>	<b>\$50,325.00</b>	<b>\$108,048.09</b>	<b>\$58,500.00</b>	<b>\$54,700.00</b>
<b>TOTAL NON-TAX REVENUE</b>	<b>\$199,775.00</b>	<b>\$246,472.06</b>	<b>\$213,200.00</b>	<b>\$208,700.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
<b>Salaries</b>				
<b>Town Offices</b>				
Salaries/Benefits/Retire/Health Ins.	\$106,243.00	\$99,612.77	\$109,566.00	\$111,411.00
Delinquent Tax Collector	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.14	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Selectboard Stipend	\$6,250.00	\$6,250.00	\$6,250.00	\$6,250.00
Selectmen Clerk/Admin	\$2,750.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,750.00	\$2,750.00
DTC/Sic/bd./An.Control FICA/Medicare	\$1,071.00	\$1,051.88	\$1,071.00	\$1,071.00
<b>Total Salaries</b>	<b>\$119,314.00</b>	<b>\$112,414.79</b>	<b>\$122,637.00</b>	<b>\$124,482.00</b>
<b>Listers Office</b>				
Listers Salaries/FICA/Medicare	\$25,194.00	\$25,846.61	\$21,961.00	\$22,218.00
Tax Mapping Contract	\$2,000.00	\$1,475.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Professional & Other Serv.	\$1,150.00	\$1,424.29	\$1,150.00	\$1,320.00
Lister Computer Expense	\$1,200.00	\$1,044.72	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00
Reappraisal (2 years)	\$9,977.00	\$9,977.00	\$10,327.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Listers Office</b>	<b>\$39,521.00</b>	<b>\$39,767.62</b>	<b>\$37,438.00</b>	<b>\$27,038.00</b>
<b>Auditors</b>				
Auditor Salaries/FICA/Medicare	\$2,261.00	\$1,507.12	\$2,261.00	\$2,261.00
<b>Total Auditors</b>	<b>\$2,261.00</b>	<b>\$1,507.12</b>	<b>\$2,261.00</b>	<b>\$2,261.00</b>
<b>Development Review Board</b>				
DRB Clerk/FICA/Medicare	\$1,623.00	\$487.95	\$1,623.00	\$1,623.00
Findings of Fact	\$5,000.00	\$850.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
<b>Total Development Review Board</b>	<b>\$6,623.00</b>	<b>\$1,337.95</b>	<b>\$4,623.00</b>	<b>\$4,623.00</b>

	2012-2013		2012-2013		2013-2014		2014-2015	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget
<b>Zoning</b>								
Zoning Administrator	\$5,300.00	\$5,300.00			\$5,800.00	\$5,800.00	\$5,800.00	\$5,800.00
Zoning Clerk	\$2,000.00	\$2,136.73			\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00	\$2,150.00	\$2,150.00
Zoning FICA/Medicare	\$559.00	\$489.43			\$604.00	\$604.00	\$608.00	\$608.00
Zoning Computer Expense	\$500.00	\$500.00			\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Zoning Inspection Expense	\$500.00	\$0.00			\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
<b>Total Zoning</b>	<b>\$8,859.00</b>	<b>\$8,426.16</b>			<b>\$9,504.00</b>	<b>\$9,504.00</b>	<b>\$9,558.00</b>	<b>\$9,558.00</b>
<b>Planning Commission</b>								
Planning Clerk/FICA/Medicare	\$325.00	\$0.00			\$325.00	\$325.00	\$325.00	\$325.00
Consulting & Technical Writing	\$2,000.00	\$0.00			\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Municipal Planning Grant	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Planning Commission</b>	<b>\$2,325.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>			<b>\$2,325.00</b>	<b>\$2,325.00</b>	<b>\$3,325.00</b>	<b>\$3,325.00</b>
<b>Office Operations</b>								
Record Restoration	\$3,500.00	\$3,000.00			\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
Non-Legal Services	\$4,800.00	\$5,147.95			\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00
Service Contracts	\$3,000.00	\$3,020.09			\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Equipment (non-computer) Repair	\$1,000.00	\$935.50			\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Rent	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00			\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00
Telephone	\$3,000.00	\$2,068.62			\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Internet Access Expense	\$1,000.00	\$0.00			\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Equipment Leases	\$4,500.00	\$4,119.06			\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00
Computer Equipment & Maintenance	\$4,000.00	\$4,145.71			\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
<b>Total Office Operations</b>	<b>\$59,800.00</b>	<b>\$57,436.93</b>			<b>\$60,800.00</b>	<b>\$60,800.00</b>	<b>\$60,800.00</b>	<b>\$60,800.00</b>
<b>Parks and Recreation</b>								
Utilities	\$400.00	\$314.15			\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
Water	\$270.00	\$270.00			\$280.00	\$280.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Maintenance	\$1,500.00	\$2,400.04			\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Programs	\$5,800.00	\$5,016.63			\$5,806.00	\$5,806.00	\$6,206.00	\$6,206.00
Improvements	\$2,300.00	\$361.92			\$5,300.00	\$5,300.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
<b>Total Parks and Recreation</b>	<b>\$10,270.00</b>	<b>\$8,362.74</b>			<b>\$13,986.00</b>	<b>\$13,986.00</b>	<b>\$11,906.00</b>	<b>\$11,906.00</b>

	2012-2013	2012-2013	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	Budget
<b>Library Building</b>					
Library Water	\$755.00	\$755.00	\$785.00	\$825.00	
Library Electricity	\$1,495.00	\$1,110.10	\$1,495.00	\$1,495.00	
Library Fuel/Propane	\$2,100.00	\$2,230.22	\$2,000.00	\$2,200.00	
Library Main/Repair/Improvements	\$7,250.00	\$12,954.53	\$7,750.00	\$9,000.00	
<b>Total Library Building</b>	<b>\$11,600.00</b>	<b>\$17,049.85</b>	<b>\$12,030.00</b>	<b>\$13,520.00</b>	
<b>Public Safety</b>					
Constable/Animal Control	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	
Public Safety Insurance	\$2,528.00	\$2,386.00	\$2,715.00	\$2,748.00	
<b>Total Public Safety</b>	<b>\$4,528.00</b>	<b>\$4,386.00</b>	<b>\$4,715.00</b>	<b>\$4,748.00</b>	
<b>Solid Waste</b>					
SW Monitoring Lab	\$3,200.00	\$2,571.21	\$3,200.00	\$3,000.00	
SW NWSWD Dues	\$910.00	\$803.00	\$803.00	\$952.00	
<b>Total Solid Waste</b>	<b>\$4,110.00</b>	<b>\$3,374.21</b>	<b>\$4,003.00</b>	<b>\$3,952.00</b>	
<b>Insurances</b>					
Workers Comp	\$543.00	\$668.00	\$701.00	\$691.00	
Bonds for Public Officials	\$2,599.00	\$2,524.00	\$2,650.00	\$2,528.00	
Commercial Insurance	\$6,091.00	\$7,280.00	\$6,956.00	\$6,707.00	
<b>Total Insurances</b>	<b>\$9,233.00</b>	<b>\$10,472.00</b>	<b>\$10,307.00</b>	<b>\$9,926.00</b>	
<b>General Expenses</b>					
Advertising	\$3,100.00	\$570.00	\$3,130.00	\$3,150.00	
Animal Licensing	\$850.00	\$560.23	\$850.00	\$850.00	
Audit	\$6,000.00	\$4,317.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	
Computer Service	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	
County Tax	\$53,711.00	\$53,711.00	\$74,765.00	\$82,050.00	
NRPC Dues	\$707.00	\$707.00	\$731.00	\$771.00	
VLCT	\$1,610.00	\$1,610.00	\$1,594.00	\$1,753.00	
Janitorial Expenses	\$4,000.00	\$3,884.02	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	
Legal	\$11,000.00	\$4,268.18	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00	
Postage	\$4,650.00	\$4,281.15	\$4,650.00	\$4,650.00	
Printing	\$2,600.00	\$1,999.54	\$2,650.00	\$2,650.00	
Special Projects	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	
Supplies	\$6,700.00	\$4,193.75	\$6,700.00	\$6,250.00	

	2012-2013		2012-2013		2013-2014		2014-2015	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget
Meetings & Travel	\$3,600.00	\$1,998.20			\$3,900.00		\$4,200.00	
Gifts and Awards	\$1,000.00	\$223.00			\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00	
HAVA Grant Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00		\$0.00	
<b>Total General Expenses</b>	<b>\$101,528.00</b>	<b>\$83,323.07</b>			<b>\$122,970.00</b>		<b>\$130,324.00</b>	
<b>Appropriations</b>								
American Red Cross	\$250.00	\$250.00			\$250.00		\$250.00	
Chamber of Commerce	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00			\$1,750.00		\$1,750.00	
CV Agency on Aging	\$950.00	\$950.00			\$950.00		\$950.00	
Champlain Isl. Parent Child Ctr.	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00			\$1,000.00		\$1,500.00	
Visiting Nurse Association	\$6,750.00	\$6,750.00			\$6,750.00		\$6,750.00	
VT Coalition of Municipalities	\$250.00	\$0.00			\$250.00		\$250.00	
N VT Resource Cons	\$100.00	\$0.00			\$100.00		\$100.00	
Ctr. For Independent Living	\$310.00	\$310.00			\$310.00		\$310.00	
Green Up Vermont	\$50.00	\$50.00			\$50.00		\$50.00	
Champlain Islands Food Shelf	\$500.00	\$500.00			\$500.00		\$1,000.00	
NH Historical Society	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00			\$4,000.00		\$4,000.00	
VT Trails and Greenway Co.	\$35.00	\$0.00			\$35.00		\$35.00	
The Family Center of NWV	\$600.00	\$0.00			\$600.00		\$600.00	
VT Division of the Blind	\$100.00	\$0.00			\$100.00		\$100.00	
Water Appropriation	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00			\$25,000.00		\$25,000.00	
PBRA	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00			\$7,500.00		\$7,500.00	
N Lake Champlain Advisory Comm.	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00			\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00	
North Station Renovation	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00			\$10,000.00		\$10,000.00	
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>\$61,645.00</b>	<b>\$60,560.00</b>			<b>\$62,145.00</b>		<b>\$63,145.00</b>	
<b>Town Office</b>								
Town Office Improvements	\$5,000.00	\$2,547.74			\$5,000.00		\$5,000.00	
<b>Total Town Office</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,547.74</b>			<b>\$5,000.00</b>		<b>\$5,000.00</b>	
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$446,617.00</b>	<b>\$410,966.18</b>			<b>\$474,744.00</b>		<b>\$474,608.00</b>	

	2012-2013	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget
<b>Expenses</b>				
<b>Public Works Personnel</b>				
Salaries/Benefits/Retire/Overtime	\$116,462.00	\$97,417.37	\$118,462.00	\$88,190.00
Labor Highway	\$2,200.00	\$214.50	\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00
Uniforms	\$1,750.00	\$2,077.28	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Mileage	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Education/Training	\$500.00	\$10.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Outside Labor	\$1,500.00	\$450.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
<b>Total Public Works Personnel</b>	<b>\$122,912.00</b>	<b>\$100,169.15</b>	<b>\$125,162.00</b>	<b>\$94,890.00</b>
<b>Garage</b>				
Water - Town Garage	\$1,510.00	\$1,510.00	\$1,570.00	\$1,650.00
Water - Oman Station	\$755.00	\$755.00	\$785.00	\$825.00
Maintenance / Repairs	\$2,500.00	\$289.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Construction/Renovations	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,900.00	\$2,500.00
Telephone	\$1,900.00	\$2,156.54	\$2,600.00	\$2,200.00
Electricity	\$2,600.00	\$2,144.80	\$10,000.00	\$2,600.00
Fuel / Propane	\$15,000.00	\$3,516.73	\$2,500.00	\$10,000.00
<b>Total Garage</b>	<b>\$26,765.00</b>	<b>\$10,372.07</b>	<b>\$21,855.00</b>	<b>\$22,275.00</b>
<b>Town Equipment</b>				
Plow Parts	\$5,000.00	\$23.78	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
Sander Parts	\$2,000.00	\$1,285.46	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Lawn Care Equipment	\$1,000.00	\$552.19	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Labor Maint/Repair Equip	\$1,500.00	\$1,388.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$3,000.00	\$243.36	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Service Truck Repairs	\$3,000.00	\$476.69	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Truck Parts	\$2,000.00	\$1,046.40	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Tires & Repairs	\$2,000.00	\$1,974.23	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Supplies/Tools	\$2,000.00	\$3,565.47	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
<b>Total Equipment</b>	<b>\$21,500.00</b>	<b>\$10,555.58</b>	<b>\$18,500.00</b>	<b>\$18,500.00</b>

	2012-2013 Budget	2012-2013 Actual	2013-2014 Budget	2014-2015 Budget
<b>Highway Maintenance</b>				
Equipment Hire	\$2,000.00	\$9,787.50	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Ditching / Deferred Maintenance	\$10,000.00	\$15,343.50	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Diesel / Gas	\$15,000.00	\$13,997.02	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Salt / Sand	\$14,000.00	\$12,872.86	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00
Stone / Rock	\$2,500.00	\$14,691.95	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
Chloride	\$200.00	\$740.74	\$200.00	\$200.00
Cold Patch	\$500.00	\$316.25	\$500.00	\$500.00
Resurfacing	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
Culverts	\$2,000.00	\$10,873.16	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Roadside Mowing	\$4,500.00	\$4,200.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00
Nuisance Animals	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Tree Trimming	\$1,000.00	\$105.25	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
MUTCD Signs	\$2,500.00	\$2,799.87	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
<b>Total Highway Maintenance</b>	<b>\$104,700.00</b>	<b>\$135,728.10</b>	<b>\$105,700.00</b>	<b>\$105,700.00</b>
<b>Highway Construction</b>				
Paving & Construction	\$21,646.00	\$75,138.05	\$22,500.00	\$22,500.00
Stone / Rock	\$4,000.00	\$5,217.85	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Professional Services	\$3,500.00	\$5,746.64	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
Grant Expenses	\$0.00	\$9,243.40	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Highway Construction</b>	<b>\$29,146.00</b>	<b>\$95,345.94</b>	<b>\$30,000.00</b>	<b>\$30,000.00</b>
<b>Highway Insurance</b>				
Unemployment Insurance	\$2,491.00	\$1,266.00	\$1,109.00	\$1,011.00
Workman's Compensation	\$4,126.00	\$4,168.00	\$4,377.00	\$5,009.00
Vehicle Insurance	\$6,813.00	\$6,940.00	\$7,078.00	\$7,008.00
Commercial Package	\$6,443.00	\$5,994.00	\$6,317.00	\$6,244.00
<b>Total Highway Insurance</b>	<b>\$19,873.00</b>	<b>\$18,368.00</b>	<b>\$18,881.00</b>	<b>\$19,272.00</b>
<b>Capital Equipment Fund</b>				
Capital Equipment Fund	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
<b>Total Capital Equipment Fund</b>	<b>\$25,000.00</b>	<b>\$25,000.00</b>	<b>\$25,000.00</b>	<b>\$25,000.00</b>
<b>Total Highway Expenditures</b>	<b>\$349,896.00</b>	<b>\$395,538.84</b>	<b>\$345,098.00</b>	<b>\$315,637.00</b>



**TOWN OF NORTH HERO  
SPECIAL FUND ACCOUNT  
JULY 1, 2012 – JUNE 30, 2013**

**CEMETERY FUND**

**FY 12/13**

**Cash Receipts:**

Town Appropriation	\$ 9,500
Sale of Lots	\$ 500
Interest Income	<u>\$ 70</u>

**Total Cash Receipts** **\$ 10,070**

**Cash Disbursements:**

Cemetery Maintenance	\$12,336
Cemetery Restoration	\$ 1,275
Cemetery Improvements	<u>\$ 473</u>

**Total Cash Disbursements** **(\$ 14,084)**

**FY 12/13 net cash decrease in the Cemetery Fund** **(\$ 4,014)**

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**Beginning Balance – July 1, 2012** **\$ 14,314**

**Ending Balance - June 30, 2013** **\$ 10,300**

**Accounted for as follows:**

Town's Cash Management Pool	(\$ 1,790)
Martha Hutchins CD	6,403
Enhancement CD	<u>5,687</u>
	<u><b>\$ 10,300</b></u>

**Attest:**



**Peter S. Johnson  
Treasurer**

NORTH HERO CEMETERY COMMISSION

2013 TOWN REPORT

In the past two years the NHCC has under taken the task of repairing and restoring the monuments in our four older cemeteries to include South, Hyde, Jerusalem, and North. The work is completed. What an improvement to our cemeteries. The outstanding job was done by Rich Parks who along with Tom Mulhern cleaned all the stones back in 2011. Many of the monuments had no foundation or they had deteriorated. Rich removed the monuments then installed new concrete foundations. Now they are all straight and level.

Many people have asked about the signs identifying the cemeteries. Some of the signs were missing or generally in poor condition. We received prices from sign printers for new wood or metal signs. Knowing that they would need to be replaced in a few years we decided to identify each cemetery with signs made of granite which would be permanent. NHCC asked for proposals and prices from three monument businesses on furnishing us 2'6 x 2'0 Barre Granite monuments. Plouff Monument Co. from St. Albans was selected to make the signs. Steve Plouff of Plouff Monument Co. suggested we look a different size of monuments that would look more like an actual sign. Steve submitted drawings of each sign. We chose this type of monument for two reasons. First, it is more recognizable and second, it was less expensive because there was less granite involved.

The permanent signs were paid for in part with the money in the "Martha Hutchins Cemetery Trust Fund". The trustees felt that using this money to permanently mark our five cemeteries would be beneficial and long lasting. We also purchased road signs to mark the new cemetery and Hyde Cemetery on West Shore Road as these cemeteries are difficult to see from the road way. We encourage you to visit our cemeteries to view the signs which are now all installed.

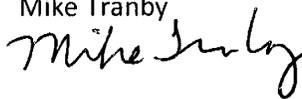
Once again the NHCC want to thank Pat Loyer and Joe Cicia of the North Hero Public Works Department for the excellent job they in keeping our five cemeteries well groomed and always looking so outstanding.

Respectively Submitted

Bob Greenough



Mike Tranby



Tracey Giroux



Roger Poquette  
Roger Poquette



Richard Mitchell



**TOWN OF NORTH HERO**  
**Town Clerk, Treasurer & Delinquent Property Tax**  
**Report**  
**JULY 1, 2012 - JUNE 30, 2013**

**Town Clerk.**

Our main focus continues to be the integration of the ACS (a Xerox Company) 20/20 Perfect Vision recorded documents management system. This system provides recording, indexing, imaging and public inquiry (office & internet) software and digital image to microfilm conversion and storage. We are now in our 2<sup>nd</sup> year with ACS and we couldn't be happier with the outcome. We have the standardization and consistency in recorded document entry that we envisioned, available at your fingertips. 34 land record books are completed which cover 12 years. All newly recorded documents are added to the database as well as a minimum of 5 books of older records per budget cycle. Currently, we have 6,904 documents (23,818 pages) available for viewing and printing sitting in front of a computer! By the summer of 2014 this information will be available for viewing and printing online. Also in 2014, we are adding all recorded plat maps for viewing and printing. This part of the project will cover every plat ever recorded in North Hero.

**Town Treasurer.**

Unassigned fund balance serves as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of a fiscal year. At the end of fiscal year 2012-13, the Town's General Fund balance component had a positive unassigned fund balance of \$68,746 plus an assigned fund balance of \$163,450 and restricted fund balance of \$6,403 for a total fund balance of \$238,599, a decrease of \$13,725 from the previous fiscal year. More detail can be found on the Town Treasurer's Financial Overview report.

**Delinquent Property Tax.**

On the delinquent property tax front, our balance due July 1, 2012 was \$111,043 and we ended the fiscal year June 30, 2013 with a balance due of \$107,092. Of total taxes billed, \$5,072,504, this equates to a 2.1% delinquency rate. In the prior 2 years the delinquency rates were 2.2% & 2.6% of billed taxes.

We consistently update the information available on the town website, [www.northherovt.com](http://www.northherovt.com). You can find the latest reappraisal news, town boards and members, minutes and current agendas, audio recordings, policies and ordinances; town plan, zoning by-laws and zoning applications; various forms, facts and links; current town report and recent election results - check it out!

As always, if there is anything Corinn or I can do to improve service to our community please let us know and, thank you, for your support.



Pete Johnson  
Town Clerk/Treasurer

## Town Treasurer's Financial Overview

As treasurer for the Town of North Hero, I offer the following narrative which comprises an overview and analysis of our financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013, within the limitations of the modified cash basis of accounting.

### Financial Highlights

**Governmental funds.** The focus of the Town's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Town's financing requirements. In particular, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of a fiscal year.

At the end of the current fiscal year, the Town's governmental funds (excluding water funds) reported combined ending fund balances of \$693,833 a decrease of \$14,519 over the previous fiscal year.

The General Fund balance component had a positive unassigned fund balance of \$68,746 plus an assigned fund balance of \$163,450 and restricted fund balance of \$6,403 for a total fund balance of \$238,599, a decrease of \$13,725 from the previous fiscal year. Included in the General Fund assigned fund balances are \$70,000 for fund balance stabilization, \$45,354 for Library expenses and capital, \$4,199 for Emergency Management and \$3,897 for Cemetery expenses.

The Highway component of the governmental funds ended the year with a positive fund balance of \$348,793. This amount is restricted for Highway expenditures only.

### Budgetary Highlights

**General Fund.** Bottom line for FY 2012-2013 was a deficiency of Cash Receipts over Cash Disbursements of \$12,724, (not including the library, cemetery and emergency management reserves)

Total receipts were \$16,051 under budgeted line items. This was primarily due to service revenue from fees and investment income being under budget.

Total disbursements were \$63,326 less than budgeted line items. This was primarily due to salaries and office operations (\$16,510), lister expenses (\$18,432), zoning, planning and DRB administration (\$13,755), and general expenses (\$6,890) coming in below the anticipated budget. Library Building repairs (\$5,450) was the only real area that was over budget.

The Town budgeted to use \$60,000 of surplus, but based on the results only used up \$12,724.

North Hero continued its generous support with \$57,645 distributed to various island organizations.

**Highway Fund.** There was an increase in the highway fund balance of \$12,081 for a total surplus of \$348,493.

Total receipts exceeded the budget by \$57,723 primarily due to a paving grant and a better backroads grant.

Total disbursements exceeded the budget by \$45,642. This was primarily due to paving expenses (\$66,200) and other highway maintenance supplies/materials (\$31,028), however, savings in personnel, town garage and equipment as well as the unbudgeted grant revenue countered this increased expense.

It should be noted, much of our grant work is performed by our Public Works department with town owned equipment. Typical grant funding has set reimbursement levels for labor, fuel, materials and equipment used on a project. The more Public Works is able to do internally, instead of contracting out, helps create the surplus. This surplus will be used for various highway projects as designated by the Selectboard.

**Water Fund.** There was a decrease in the water fund balance of \$568 for a total fund balance of \$376,826. The fund balance includes water operations and water reserves.

Total receipts were under the budget by \$30,533 primarily due to a full transfer from the ERU reserves not being needed.

Total disbursements were under the budget by \$32,042 primarily due to savings in personnel and building and grounds maintenance.

**Reappraisal Fund.** There was a decrease in the reappraisal fund balance of \$30,379, due to the ongoing reassessment, for a total fund balance of \$43,088.

The fund received \$9,109 from its annual state appropriation, received \$9,977 from the General Fund as a subsidy and expensed \$49,539 for the town wide reappraisal process.

**Capital Equipment Fund.** There was an increase in the capital equipment fund of \$7,500 for a total fund balance of \$53,348.

The fund received its annual \$25,000 appropriation, but made its 2nd debt payment on the 2012 International Plow Truck.

### Capital Assets

The Town spent \$125,138 on paving and resurfacing some of which was paid via state grants.

The municipal water system completed construction on the EPA compliant water project by spending \$185,731.

## Debt

The Town made its second payment of \$17,138 for its capital lease of a highway plow truck purchased in 2011 leaving a balance of \$75,447. Also paid was \$153,381 from the water fund for existing water bonds, considered part of the town's indebtedness, leaving a balance of \$2,788,017. The Town did receive \$198,605 of Bond Proceeds to pay for the above mentioned water project. \$10,975 of these proceeds paid off a planning loan related to the project.

Although not considered debt, we also have 2 years remaining on our operating lease with the North Hero School District at \$35,000 per year.

## Current Years' Budgets and Rates

On March 5, 2013 the voters approved a fiscal year 2013-14 budget in the amount of \$657,374, a net increase of \$19,133 over the previous year. The general fund budget increased \$28,127 primarily due to an increase in the county tax of \$24,161, parks & recreation increase of \$3,716, highway fund decrease of \$4,798, library allocation increase of \$229 and non-tax revenue increase of \$4,425.

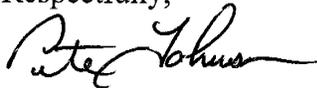
Article voted appropriations (Fire, Rescue Sheriff, etc.) of \$130,711 were approved, a net increase of \$4,500 over the previous year.

Municipal property taxes were offset by the use of \$40,000 of the June 30, 2013 fund balance. The Municipal tax rate increased \$.0167 over the prior year.

The water operations budget increased by \$24,780 primarily due to an increase in operation costs of \$40,000, debt payment increase of \$6,000 and a personnel decrease of \$22,765. This generated an increase in water fees of approximately 3.9%.

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Town of North Hero's financial condition. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to Town Treasurer, Town of North Hero, P.O. Box 38, North Hero, Vermont 05474.

Respectfully,



Pete Johnson  
Town Treasurer

**TOWN OF NORTH HERO  
PROPERTY TAX & DELINQUENT TAX REPORT  
JULY 1, 2012 – JUNE 30, 2013**

**STATEMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES**

**2012 Grand List: \$276,449,462 - 6,107,450 - 80,000 - 730,804 = 269,531,208 x 1% = \$2,695,312**  
(Current Use) (Vet Exempt) (P.P. Contract)

FY2012		FY2013		
\$1,543,298	981,305 x 1.5727	School Taxes Billed – Homestead	990,798 x 1.6157	\$1,600,833
2,788,174	1,729,315 x 1.6123	School Taxes Billed – Non-Residential	1,711,822 x 1.6157	2,765,790
749,496	2,702,833 x 0.2773	Town Taxes Billed	2,695,312 x 0.2618	705,633
312		Homestead-Late Filer Penalties Billed		248
\$5,081,280		Total Taxes Billed		\$5,072,504
119,343	June 30, 2011	Property Taxes Receivable as of:	June 30, 2012	111,043
\$5,200,623		Total Property Taxes to Account For:		\$5,183,547
{4,535,217}		Less Current Property Tax Collection		{4,552,408}
{ 377,710}		Less Current Property Tax Prebate		{ 381,142}
{ 173,564}		Less Delinquent Taxes Collected		{ 143,062}
{ 2,556}		Less Abatements		{ 29}
533		Adjustments/Rounding/HS122 Changes		186
\$ 111,043	June 30, 2012	Total Taxes Delinquent as of:	June 30, 2013	\$ 107,092

**2013 STATEMENT OF DELINQUENT TAXES**

BALANCE	AMOUNT	COLLECTIONS	ADJUSTMENTS	BALANCE	
7/1/12	WARRANTED	RECEIVED	MADE	6/30/13	
Totals	111,043	139,075	143,062	36	107,092

Attest:  
  
Peter S. Johnson  
Treasurer

**TOWN OF NORTH HERO  
GENERAL FUND CASH BASIS REPORT  
JULY 1, 2012 – JUNE 30, 2013**

**FY 12/13**

**Cash Receipts:**

*Cash Receipts	\$556,991	
Increase in Due to Taxpayers	<u>20,689</u>	
<b>Total Cash Receipts</b>		<b><u>\$577,680</u></b>

**Cash Disbursements:**

*Expenses	\$569,715	
Decrease in Accounts Payable	276	
Decrease in Due to Others	<u>120</u>	
<b>Total Cash Disbursements</b>		<b><u>(\$570,111)</u></b>

**FY 12/13 net cash increase in the General Fund** **\$ 7,569**

**Beginning Balance – July 1, 2012** **\$192,719**

**Ending Balance - June 30, 2013** **\$ 200,288**

**Accounted for as follows:**

Checking (Sweep) account	\$659,885
Due to/From Funds in Cash Management Pool	[533,043]
Cash in Register	219
Contingency Fund CD	71,925
Parks & Recreation CD	<u>1,302</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$ 200,288</u></b>

\*These amounts do not include \$3,977,332 of property taxes collected and turned over to the North Hero School District (\$1,387,131) and State of Vermont (\$2,590,201) Education Fund.

Attest:

  
Peter S. Johnson  
Treasurer

**TOWN OF NORTH HERO  
HIGHWAY FUND CASH BASIS REPORT  
JULY 1, 2012 – JUNE 30, 2013**

**FY 12/13**

**Cash Receipts:**

Property Taxes	\$299,571
State Aid	52,153
Grant Revenue	47,496
Other Revenue	<u>8,400</u>

**Total Cash Receipts** **\$407,619**

**Cash Disbursements:**

General Operating Expenses	\$311,296
Resurfacing	50,000
Grant Expense	9,243
Capital Equipment Funding	<u>25,000</u>

**Total Cash Disbursements** **\$395,539**

**FY 12/13 net cash increase in Highway Fund** **\$ 12,081**

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**Beginning Balance – July 1, 2012** **\$336,712**

**Ending Balance - June 30, 2013** **\$348,793**

**Accounted for as follows:**

**Town's Cash Management Pool** **\$348,793**

**Attest:**

  
**Peter S. Johnson**  
**Treasurer**

**TOWN OF NORTH HERO  
SPECIAL FUND ACCOUNT  
JULY 1, 2012 - JUNE 30, 2013**

**LIBRARY TRUSTEES FUND**

**FY 12/13**

**Cash Receipts:**

Town Appropriation	\$ 32,003
Donations	4,593
Interest Income	<u>188</u>

**Total Cash Receipts** \$ 36,785

**Cash Disbursements:**

Library Expenses	<u>\$ 33,813</u>
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**Total Cash Disbursements** \$ 33,813

**FY 12/13 net cash increase in the General Fund** \$ 2,972

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**Beginning Balance – July 1, 2012** \$ 42,382

**Ending Balance - June 30, 2013** \$ 45,354

**Accounted for as follows:**

Library CD	\$ 35,530
Town's Cash Management Pool	<u>9,824</u>
Total	<u>\$ 45,354</u>

**Attest:**



**Peter S. Johnson  
Treasurer**

NORTH HERO PUBLIC LIBRARY

ANNUAL REPORT 2013

Tuesdays 2-7 PM

Thursdays 10- 3 PM

Saturdays 9-1 PM

Registered patrons: 513  
Items checked out: 6233  
# of visits to the library: 5600+

The number of library cards issued has kept a fairly even pace with the town's population. The number of materials checked out has also been proportionate. But as our services have grown, the number of visits to the library has increased. The addition of public computers, Wi-Fi, and a constantly renewing collection of books, DVDs, and audio books has kept us relevant. Our next goal is to offer a service that will provide eBooks for downloading to e-readers and P.C.s.

The trustees have been committed to keeping the historic building sound and in good repair. Two more replacement windows were installed this year, and the large trees surrounding the library were trimmed of deadwood and overhanging branches.

The Friends of the Library funded a project to re-design the landscaping near the building. The old overgrown shrubs, bushes and bulbs were removed and the building was banked with new soil. New low-maintenance shrubs were planted around the foundation and mulch was added to keep the weeds down.

I would like to thank Sarah Baugher, Audrey Lambert, Judith Karstens, Dave Ferguson and Paige Small for contributing more than 350 hours of volunteer service in the library this year. Their unique abilities and dedication are of great value to the library and to me.

Respectfully submitted,  librarian

**TOWN OF NORTH HERO  
SPECIAL FUND ACCOUNT  
July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013**

**REAPPRAISAL FUND**

**FY 12/13**

**Cash Receipts:**

State of Vermont Allocation	\$9,108
Town Appropriation	9,977
Interest Income	<u>74</u>

**Total Cash Receipts** **\$19,160**

**Cash Disbursements:**

Reappraisal Contract	\$29,388
Reappraisal Listers	16,711
Reappraisal Other	<u>3,440</u>

**Total Cash Disbursements** **\$49,539**

**FY 12/13 net cash decrease in Reappraisal Fund** **(\$ 30,379)**

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**Beginning Balance – July 1, 2012** **\$ 73,467**

**Ending Balance - June 30, 2013** **\$ 43,088**

**Accounted for as follows:**

**Town's Cash Management Pool** **\$ 43,088**

**Attest:**



**Peter S. Johnson  
Treasurer**

## BOARD OF LISTERS TOWN REPORT 2012-2013

**REAPPRAISAL UPDATE:** After creating a town-wide contact list of 1095 property owners, Listers began making hourly appointments beginning June 1<sup>st</sup> for the Vermont Appraisal Co. appraisers. With the cooperation of home owners, the appraisers were able to complete an unprecedented number of interior inspections. This was critical in assessing the condition and quality of the structures, producing a more accurate appraisal report, resulting in fair and equitable values for all.

Initially concentrating on summer residences, inspections began on the north end of the island and progressed southward. By October, as far south as Savage Point had been completed, at which time the focus changed to year-round residents.

In making appointments, the Listers were responsible for setting up and maintaining the assessors' weekly appointment calendars and providing data collection packets. This enabled the Listers to maintain control of scheduling and keeping the overall appraisal on its completion timeline. The Listers also accompanied appraisers on numerous visits, assisting in data collection. Data collected from home inspections was entered by the Listers into a dedicated Reappraisal Database set up in the Listers' computers and reviewed by the Vermont Appraisal Co. for accuracy. This will remain an on-going process until the project is completed.

In our plan to keep communications current and timely, the Select Board was updated on a monthly basis with regard to progress in the field inspections and completion of assessments. Information was also reported with several updates to the public using the Islander, Front Porch Forum and the Town website. Listers also produced several mailings to property owners where contact information was unavailable. The December through January months were spent entering and reviewing data and matching up photos with data sheets. By the end of the first year of the two year process, the Reappraisal was more than 50% completed.

**LISTER ACTIVITIES:** In addition to running the Reappraisal full time, Listers covered the yearly office work of Lister duties. February through April, Listers and Vermont Appraisal Co. assessors completed field visits of new construction and open building permits in preparation of filing the 2013-14 Grand List for the Town. Homestead and Housesite downloads from the State were reconciled with our records, and new Current Use properties were valued along with already enrolled parcels. The State Equalization Study was reviewed, challenged and revised. Eighty-one Property Transfers were made, and there were 195 Change of Appraisal Notices sent out to property owners that resulted in 14 Grievance hearings. There were no BCA challenges.

In March, Mary Dattilio was re-elected for another term of 3 years, and she remains our expert with significant realtor experience and was elected as Board Chair.

As a Board, we continue our education, taking classes offered by PVR, VALA, TOEC and NEMRC to keep us abreast of new practices, changes in legislation and computer programs.

**Important Reminder:** The State requires residents to file a Homestead HS122 on an annual basis. Residents are assessed a penalty for late filing. The filing deadline is April 15<sup>th</sup>.



Mary Dattilio



Geri Siegel



Bridget Timms

**TOWN OF NORTH HERO  
STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS  
JULY 1, 2012 – JUNE 30, 2013**

**Town Indebtedness as of July 1, 2012** **\$ 89,708**

**Note Owed:**

Kansas State Bank – 2012 International Plow Truck  
@ \$102,032, Interest @ 3.69%, Due 4/16/16

**Note Debt Payments FY 12/13:**

Expensed from Capital Equipment Fund \$14,261

**Town Indebtedness as of June 30, 2013** **\$75,447**

**Maturities are expected as follows:**

2014	\$ 14,787
2015	\$ 15,332
2016	\$ <u>45,329</u>
	\$ 75,447

**Bonds held by the North Hero Water Enterprise Fund are considered indebtedness of the  
Town of North Hero.**

**Current bond balance as of June 30, 2013 is \$2,788,017.  
See Water Enterprise Fund - Statement of Indebtedness for detail.**

Attest:



**Peter S. Johnson  
Treasurer**

**Town of North Hero**  
**Change in Cash Positions, Fiduciary Funds under \$20,000**

July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Opening Cash Balance</b>	<b>Town Allocation</b>	<b>Other <i>includes Grants &amp; Interest Income</i></b>	<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>Cash Available</b>	<b>Disburse- ments</b>	<b>Better/ (Worse)</b>	<b>Closing Cash Balance</b>
Northern Lake Champlain Advisory Committee	8,868	3,000	-	3,000	11,868	2,698	302	9,170
Pelots Bay Restoration Committee	12,925	7,500	5,240	12,740	25,665	7,645	5,095	18,020
Emergency Management Fund	4,159	-	40	40	4,199	-	40	4,199
North Station Renovation	-	10,000	4	10,004	10,004	-	10,004	10,004
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,952</b>	<b>20,500</b>	<b>5,284</b>	<b>25,784</b>	<b>51,736</b>	<b>10,343</b>	<b>15,441</b>	<b>41,393</b>

Attest:   
Peter S. Johnson  
Town Treasurer

**Town of North Hero  
Planning Commission Annual Report  
July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013**

The Planning Commission has continued to meet regularly to work on the revision of our Zoning By-Laws. We have continued to receive assistance from Greta Brunswick as the representative of the Northwest Planning Commission. Her assistance has been free since our grant ran out last year, but the NWRPC has advised us that they are ready to be committing less time to this project.

This year, the Planning Commission presented a draft of the new regulations at an open meeting of the town. The meeting was fairly well attended and many suggestions for changes were made. After receiving those suggestions, the Planning Commission met again and made what changes we felt were appropriate, then presented our 'Final Draft' to the Selectboard.

Although beyond the end of FY 2013, the Selectboard, following the proper procedure as per the State of Vermont, then held another open meeting on December 10, 2013, at which they presented the 'Final Draft' to the townspeople again. The Planning Commission was in attendance and fielded a question and answer session with all who attended. It was a productive meeting and notes were taken again for the suggested revisions. The Selectboard then rejected the Draft and gave it back to the Planning Commission for revisions. The Planning Commission will continue to meet and discuss revisions until such time that they feel the document is ready to present to the voters. We hope and expect that a town-wide vote can be held during the summer of 2014.

The Planning Commission would like to extend a hearty thank you to those townspeople who took the time to carefully read the draft document and to attend the meetings and voice their opinions. That has been an important contribution in the preparation of this document.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kate Kinney, Chair

For Members:

Chip Porter  
Pete Johnson  
Richard Mitchell  
Joe Wilusz  
David Jacobs  
Ben Joseph

## Development and Review Board Report

The Development Review Board is a quasi-judicial body that hears requests for conditional uses, subdivisions, planned unit developments, boundary line adjustments, variances, and appeals of decisions made by the Zoning Administrator. The board meets on the second Thursday of every month and all meetings are open to the public.

Re-organization occurred in March with Andrew Julow remaining as chair, Pete Johnson retaining the Clerk position, and Jim Kilbride being elected Vice-Chair. Chip Porter and Kate Kinney serve as valued and experienced alternates.

This year the board heard 7 applications. All cases result in a final decision which becomes part of the town land records.

Respectfully Submitted:        Andrew Julow, Chair

Board Members:                Pete Johnson, Secretary  
Mary Jane Healy  
Jim Kilbride, Vice-Chair  
Melvin Kelly  
Jim Blandino  
Bob Miller

**Town of North Hero**  
**Zoning Administrator Annual Report**  
**July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013**

For fiscal year 2013, the number and type of zoning applications increased by about 9% from the previous year. There were 79 applications reviewed by the zoning administrator. Most of those permits were for renovations, rebuilding, or accessory structures. Seven houses were in the process of being built this fiscal year.

<b>Fiscal Period Ending</b>	<b>Building Permits</b>	<b>Certificate of Compliance</b>	<b>Development Review Board</b>
June 30 2011	45	12	9
June 30, 2012	49	14	5
June 30, 2013	51	21	7

I have a flexible personal schedule, so I do not have specific office hours. I am available almost any day to meet with anyone who needs some guidance and assistance involving zoning bylaws. The Assistant Town Clerk Corinn Julow works as my assistant as needed, and her support makes this job much easier. David Jacobs serves as my backup or assistant in a decision that must be made when I am away or where there might be a conflict of interest on my part.

I am in contact with the Planning Commission regularly and work with them as needed as the bylaws are revised or when there are questions where consultation is needed.

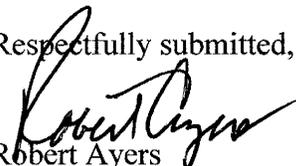
I consistently find property owners, neighbors, contractors, architects, and engineers to be very cooperative as we all work together to seek approvals and/or resolutions. The best part of this job is meeting these people and helping them all attain their goals.

Our town plan and zoning bylaws are available online at [www.northherovt.com/zonebylaws.php](http://www.northherovt.com/zonebylaws.php)

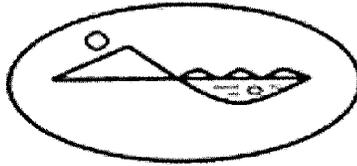
Zoning applications are available at [www.northherovt.com/forms.php](http://www.northherovt.com/forms.php)

If you need zoning information or application assistance, please call the Town Office (372-6926) or call me directly (372-8404).

Respectfully submitted,

  
Robert Ayers  
Zoning Administrator

## TOWN OF NORTH HERO RECREATION COMMITTEE



The Pelots Nature Area and the Camp Ingalls Butternut Hill areas continue to provide our town with a wonderful resource. The Recreation Committee is working to preserve our areas and provide programs and maintaining hiking trails to enjoy nature. We welcome additional members and trail stewards.

The Recreation Committee has developed and administrated several camps and activities for our Community. Summer programs for children including grandchildren of residents, were held during this last summer. A Nature Camp and a Story Telling Camp were held at Camp Ingalls. The camps were well attended and we hope to offer them again this summer.

The Committee co-sponsored a number of programs. We supported activities for adults by working with the North Hero Historical Society's Tango lessons, and held a luncheon for seniors with CIDER. We also co-sponsored two summer camps with Island Arts and a Karate program with Rob Rousseau. Our annual Halloween Party was a great success. We continue to offer the Long House for various activities, including the annual North Hero Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary flea market.

This year we initiated a Youth Assistant program which involves young people as councilors and as educational assistants. Children and grandchildren from North Hero participate in activities under the supervision of leaders. A small stipend is provided.

We would like to add support for swimming lessons during the summer. The Greater Burlington YMCA has provided swimming lessons in previous years. We have initiated discussions with the other five Island Communities to offer this program.

Work at Ingalls is our major capital improvement project for the next several years. This year we repaired the roof on the Long House and began to repair the outlying buildings. We have started to convert one of the cabins for classroom use. We have begun to paint the Long House and Field Cabin. The Town public works has been helpful with parking lots, mowing and maintenance.

Committee members provided the volunteer labor needed to keep Ingalls in good shape. A small capacity hot water heater was installed for the summer camps and will be ever so helpful with all future events. Preparing Camp Ingalls for summer use was a real chore. A major tree came down, plumbing problems were fixed, and the endless rain wreaked havoc with the parking lot and field. Fortunately everything dried out in time, but we're always for looking more help.

The Recreation Committee is honored to serve the Town and to preserve of our environment. We appreciate suggestions and volunteers from the community to improve our efforts.

Respectfully submitted, Chip Porter, Co-Chair, Mary Jo McCarthy, Co-Chair,  
Stephen Ludwig, Louise Guillette, Mary Catherine Graziano

**TOWN OF NORTH HERO  
VITAL STATISTICS  
July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013**

**CIVIL MARRIAGE'S**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>RESIDENCE</b>	<b>PLACE OF MARRIAGE</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Lindsay Margaret Prichard Michael Christopher Peretti	Somerville, MA Somerville, MA	North Hero, VT	July 14, 2012
Leslie Howard Holben II Denis Roland Poirier	Dallas, TX Dallas, TX	North Hero, VT	July 17, 2012
Arthur William Biddle Long Yuan Xing	North Hero, VT North Hero, VT	North Hero, VT	July 21, 2012
Susan Elizabeth Johnson Guy Daniel Assetta	Windham, NH Windham, NH	North Hero, VT	August 4, 2012
Summer Ruth Witts Eric Robert Linsner	Westford, MA Westford, MA	North Hero, VT	August 11, 2012
Neil L. Mendick David G. Ferguson	North Hero, VT North Hero, VT	North Hero, VT	August 19, 2012
Daniel Lee Salem Brittney Anne Baker Peterson	Queens, NY Queens, NY	North Hero, VT	August 25, 2012
Karen Lee Smith Alex Gardner Potvin	North Hero, VT North Hero, VT	North Hero, VT	September 1, 2012
Heather Jean Wells Daniel Kent Fischer	North Hero, VT North Hero, VT	Ferrisburgh, VT	September 2, 2012

**CIVIL MARRIAGE'S (cont'd)**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>RESIDENCE</b>	<b>PLACE OF MARRIAGE</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Tracy Alan Juaire Kerry Lynn Carton	North Hero, VT Grand Isle, VT	South Hero, VT	September 8, 2012
Kacy Druce Bult Kevin Michael O'Donnell	Los Angeles, CA Los Angeles, CA	North Hero, VT	September 22, 2012
Molly Erin Gagner Jesse Holden Farrar	Belmont, VT North Hero, VT	Belmont, VT	September 29, 2012
Kimberly Renee Fortin Paul James Branson	Millford, MI Millford, MI	Burlington, VT	May 25, 2013
David Matthew Charles Erin Heather LaBranche	Amherst, OH Lorain, OH	North Hero, VT	June 28, 2013

**TOWN OF NORTH HERO  
VITAL STATISTICS  
July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013**

**BIRTHS**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>PLACE OF BIRTH</b>	<b>NAME OF PARENTS</b>
Thatcher Eli Mabb	January 26, 2013	Burlington, VT	Kessa L. Pero Jason Howard Mabb
Jeffrey Alexander Roche	February 7, 2013	Burlington, VT	Kristi Lynn Roche Mark Stoddard Roche
Weston Lewis Allen	March 18, 2013	Burlington, VT	Erin Marie Allen

**BIRTHS (cont'd)**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>PLACE OF BIRTH</b>	<b>NAME OF PARENTS</b>
Josephine Satink Nadal	April 18, 2013	Burlington, VT	Jeanne Marie Satink Roberto Nadal

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**TOWN OF NORTH HERO  
VITAL STATISTICS  
July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013**

**DEATHS**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>PLACE OF DEATH</b>	<b>RESIDENCE</b>
Agnes Roche	July 2, 2012	Williston, VT	North Hero, VT
Norman C. Saylor	August 6, 2012	North Hero, VT	North Hero, VT
Paul Francis Cameron	August 13, 2012	St. Albans, VT	North Hero, VT
Ruth Gail Cameron	November 25, 2012	North Hero, VT	North Hero, VT
Winston Arthur Way	January 26, 2013	Burlington, VT	North Hero, VT

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# North Hero's Oldest Houses



1785

The first house one sees heading north after the drawbridge is the John Knight farmhouse. Part of it, perhaps the wooden section, was built in 1785 and is the oldest building in North Hero. The closest place to the stone pier where the ferry landed in the 19th century, this building was at one time an inn for travelers. For many years it was a farmhouse with rooms to rent. It is currently owned by the State of Vermont.



1800



1810

This house on Stevens Camp Road, left, was built in 1800, and was originally a farm house. By 1870, the Hazen family lived there. The original part of the house is the center portion with the area to the left and the porch added much more recently. When built, the road was on the lake side. The house is now owned by the Keyes family. The Clark house in the northern part of the village was built in 1810 on the main dirt road heading north, long before being designated as Route 2. The oldest portion of this residence is two story section with the peaked roof shown here. Portions of the original log structure can be seen on the second floor. Since about 1845, it has been the residence of several generations of the Clark family.

1821



In 1821, the house above was built close to the dirt road and the lake by a member of the Ladd family. Within thirty years or so, the house was in the village that came to life around the local general store. It is currently owned by the Boit family. The house, center right, made of local stone as one enters the village is an iconic site for our town. The most historic portion of the house is the wooden section just behind the stone structure, now painted red. It was a small house built in 1832 and may have been the residence of one J. Allen. It is currently owned by the Heise family.

1832



Within the same neighborhood as its two predecessors above, the oldest portion of this house was built in 1833. It may have been the residence of one A. Knight in the 1850s. The oldest part of the house is what is seen here as the far left. This house, now a summer residence and still pretty much in its original state, has been owned for three generations by the Kingsbury family. The dusty dirt road and horse drawn hay wagons are long gone.



1833

1835



These three houses were built over the next few years in the nineteenth century some distance from the village. This painted brick house, currently owned by the Hugo family, is located on West Shore Road. Seen here is the front of the house facing the lake and for many years the road was just west of this location. Now the road is on the back side. It was likely built as a farmhouse by Reuben Hyde in 1835. It may also have been a stop on the Underground Railroad in the 1860s.



The white house, left, was built in 1835 some distance north of what would soon become the village of North Hero. It was originally a farm house on the main dirt road across the road from the turn to the road now known as Blockhouse Point Road. It was originally known as the Elihu Parks house; more recently it has been called he Howes farm. Unoccupied for several years, the house is currently owned by the Lake Champlain Land Trust. The brick house, bottom left, is located at the intersection of the main road and

1835



what is now known as Station Road. In 1843, the house was built by C. B. Russell and was a farm house, though the family had lived on the site several years before that. Remnants of the original barns are still visible behind the house. The house has had several owners. In the 50s and 60s, it was owned by the Dodds family and was the Town Clerk's Office. It is now owned by Walter Blasberg and has recently been renovated.

1843

The brick house, right, located at at the northern part of North Hero near the bridge, was built in 1845 by one many Hazens here at that time. There was no bridge then; one had to use a ferry to get to Alburgh. It is currently owned by the Barselow family. Below left is the Methodist Parsonage which was built in 1845 by Joel Allen who deeded it to the church in 1851 for pastoral use. When the upstairs was renovated in 2010, original log beams were revealed.



1845

1847



At the south end of North Hero by 1857, Dr. Elijah Haynes was living near the road in the house currently owned by the Blackwell family, center right. His father, Moses Haynes, probably built the building. Dr. Haynes and his wife raised a large family there. In 1850, the house to the right was built in the village the same year that the first general store was built close by. The house may have been built by S. Holdridge; part of it was once known as Ladd's Tavern. It is currently owned by the Giroux/Kinney families and has been known for years as the Way house.



1850

## North Hero Elementary School

The following song was written, and performed by the student body pre-k to grade six. The students composed the song for the North Hero Community Holiday Extravaganza at the North Hero Community Hall on December 19th, 2013.

### Christmas in North Hero

It's Christmas in North Hero

Candles burning down

Children singing happy songs

A cold wind blowing round

It's Christmas in North Hero

A time to spread the joy

A time to spend with special friends

Every girl and boy

It's Christmas in North Hero

Skating on the lake

The pleasant smell of moms cookies

Being freshly baked

It's Christmas in North Hero

In our own town hall

It's time to start the celebration

Welcome one and all!!

**North Hero School Auditors' Pro Forma Analysis of  
The Economics of Designating Grand Isle & Colchester Schools  
For North Hero's Students in Grades 7 - 12**

*To prepare this analysis, we looked at the difference (or premium) between the tuitions of the designated schools and the more expensive schools where our students go with their unfettered free choice. We then multiplied that premium by the number of students taking that dollar amount. The result is the "Savings on Designation."*

School and Year	Number of Students	School's Tuition	Premium over Designated School	Savings on Designation
<b>Grand Isle, 7 &amp; 8 in FY 14</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11,536</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Colchester, 7 & 8	3	12,300	764	2,292
ADL	3	13,390	1,854	5,562
South BTM	2	14,367	2,831	5,662
VT Commons	<u>1</u>	<u>12,768</u>	<u>1,232</u>	<u>1,232</u>
<b>Total Gr 7 &amp; 8 in FY 14</b>	<b>12</b>			<b>14,748</b>
<b>Colchester 9 - 12 in FY 14</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12,300</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
(Base School)				
BFA St Albans	1	14,450	2,150	2,150
Essex Junction	8	12,978	678	5,424
South BTM	7	14,367	2,067	14,469
VT Commons	<u>1</u>	<u>12,768</u>	<u>468</u>	<u>468</u>
<b>Total Gr 9 - 12 in FY 14</b>	<b>28</b>			<b>22,511</b>
<b>Total Savings in FY 14</b>				<b><u>37,259</u></b>

<u>Grand Isle, 7 &amp; 8 in FY 15</u>	3	12,300	0	0
Colchester, 7 & 8	4	12,546	246	984
ADL	1	13,312	1,012	1,012
South BTM	2	14,357	2,057	4,114
VT Commons	3	13,601	1,301	3,903
<b>Total Gr 7 &amp; 8 in FY 15</b>	<b>13</b>			<b>10,013</b>
<u>Colchester 9 – 12 in FY 15</u>	12	12,546	0	0
(Base School)				
Essex Junction	12	13,312	766	9,192
South BTM	8	14,357	1,811	14,488
VT Commons	1	13,601	1,055	1,055
<b>Total Gr 9 – 12 in FY 15</b>	<b>33</b>			<b>24,735</b>
<u>Total Savings in FY 15</u>				<u>34,748</u>

We wish to thank Candy Chaples of the GISU for being very helpful in the gathering of the data used in this report.

## **TOWN OF NORTH HERO WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT**

The fiscal year that ended 6/30/2013 was a successful one for the North Hero Water Department (NHWD). The water plant treated approximately 47,050,000 gallons of drinking water in FY13. We currently provide water to 651 equivalent residential units.

### **Simon Operating Services**

The Water Board has subcontracted water plant operations and distribution to Simon Operating Services, SOS, to provide primary operation and management of the water plant. Our goal is to contain costs and improve performance of plant operations. SOS operates many other plants in Vermont.

### **Water Plant Upgrade Update**

The upgrade is complete and the water system is no longer operating on a temporary permit. With the new enhancements that include split chlorination we are meeting all State and EPA water quality requirements. We will continue to closely monitor and test the water quality. The EPA continues to add higher requirements for us to meet. Currently, we continue working with the State and SOS to enhance the water plant output to the optimum possible. This enhancement process will continue over the winter, spring and summer of 2014. Each season requires different adjustments and challenges as the water we are processing changes with the seasons and weather events. We will have more to report next year.

### **Distribution Line Replacement**

We continue to look for sections of the distribution systems that require attention as the system becomes older. When they are discovered, we repair and replace these sections of the distribution system in a timely, economical manner.

### **Distribution Repair**

We have put additional resources into replacing or repairing curb-stops, blow-offs and valves in a timely manner. If you have a curb-stop that needs repair, please contact the water department.

### **Water Plant Maintenance and Enhancements**

With the Plant starting to age, there is an increasing need for replacing parts and upgrading systems. The Water Board prioritizes and schedules these projects as allowed by our budget.

### **Water Quality**

Our Water Plant operators have been busy applying best management practices and interfacing with State officials to keep our turbidity level low and meet other State and EPA standards. Currently we are meeting all these requirements.

### **Water Conservation and Education**

This continues to be a large part of our long-term policy. Please keep in mind that there is a cost associated with every gallon of water used. If we continue to conserve, we have a better chance of keeping down the annual cost of water. Please follow the water conservation polices included with your annual water bill. *We have experienced unexplained spikes of substantial water use late at night (12pm-2am) during different times of the year. If you have knowledge of these events please contact us. They have the potential to cause operational concerns.*

### **Water System Leaks**

If you know or suspect a leak in our system, please call the Water Plant Operator or Town Office. If you suspect you have a leak occurring on your personal line or home supply line, you have a community responsibility to take care of it promptly.

### **Forward Looking Needs**

Need of storage space. Possible solutions are enclosing the area over our underground water storage on the north side of the plant or purchasing metal storage containers. We are exploring ways to be cost efficient in solving this need while considering future needs.

Starting to explore the need of additional filtration requirements. We will have a better target date after we analyze the summer of 2014 water usage. Projected timeline 2 to 4 years.

### Thank You

We would like to thank all of the people who help support our system including SOS, Pat Loyer of our Public Works Department and Jo-Ann Tier, our Water Board Clerk along with the Town Office support team of Pete Johnson & Corinn Julow.

\*Special thanks to our board members who have moved on: **Rob Cunningham 2003-2013** and **Frank Dattilio 2010-2013**

### Theft of Service

If you are receiving Town water without receiving an annual bill please contact the Town Office. If you use water year round, but are billed the lower seasonal rate please contact the Town Office. Taking Town water without signing up for the service or not paying for the service is illegal.

**The North Hero Water Department has strict specifications for materials and installation practices for waterlines that hook-on to the town system. These specifications must be followed for your protection, the protection of the water system, and all current users. If you install a waterline that does not meet the set specifications, then your water WILL NOT be turned on! If you have any questions, the Water Board or Water Plant Operator will be more than willing to help you insure proper installation.**

If you have an issue regarding drinking water, leaks, new connections, etc. Please contact the Water Treatment Plant Operator at 372-6258 or the Town Office at 372-6926.

Respectfully,

**The North Hero Water Board**

Larry Dupont, Chairman, Jay O'Boyle, Terry Schaefer, Dwayne Cormier, Bryan McCarthy



Final walk through and close out of the Water Plant Upgrade project that addresses the EPA's requirements on Stage 2 DBP compliance.

Left to right: Kevin Knapp/Plant Operator, Bryan McCarthy/Water Board, Chip Dillion/Neagley&Chase/Project Contractor, Jay O'Boyle/Water Board, Jennie Auster/Project Engineer/Aldrich&Elliott, Larry Dupont/Water Board & Roger Bergeron/DEC Water Supply Division

## North Hero Water Operations Budget Report

	2011-2012	2011-2012	2012-2013	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget
<b>OPERATING REVENUE</b>						
Town Allocation	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
Water User Fees	\$417,200.00	\$414,364.00	\$443,110.00	\$435,310.00	\$460,450.00	\$494,475.00
Delinquent Water Fees	\$0.00	\$11,494.00	\$0.00	\$10,518.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Water User Late Fee	\$1,500.00	\$1,506.00	\$570.00	\$1,598.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
ERU Fund Subsidy	\$50,000.00	\$55,000.00	\$43,000.00	\$32,000.00	\$49,400.00	\$25,500.00
Misc Fees & Other Income	\$500.00	\$1,646.00	\$500.00	\$2,214.00	\$610.00	\$741.00
Interest Income	\$100.00	\$146.00	\$100.00	\$76.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$494,300.00</b>	<b>\$509,156.00</b>	<b>\$512,280.00</b>	<b>\$506,716.00</b>	<b>\$537,060.00</b>	<b>\$547,316.00</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>						
<b>Water Salaries</b>						
Salaries/Benefits/Retire/Health Ins.	\$41,310.00	\$38,918.00	\$37,110.00	\$14,167.00	\$14,135.00	\$14,597.00
Water Unemployment Ins.	\$2,000.00	\$1,560.00	\$830.00	\$1,390.00	\$1,265.00	\$1,288.00
Water Worker's Compensation	\$3,470.00	\$724.00	\$760.00	\$508.00	\$535.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Water Salaries</b>	<b>\$46,780.00</b>	<b>\$41,202.00</b>	<b>\$38,700.00</b>	<b>\$16,065.00</b>	<b>\$15,935.00</b>	<b>\$15,885.00</b>
<b>Operations</b>						
Contracted Services	\$57,100.00	\$57,323.00	\$58,600.00	\$80,417.00	\$75,400.00	\$86,500.00
Water Testing	\$4,000.00	\$4,339.00	\$5,500.00	\$4,747.00	\$5,500.00	\$4,500.00
Equipment Maintenance	\$9,000.00	\$10,649.00	\$10,000.00	\$8,932.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
Truck Maint. & Repair	\$3,000.00	\$2,173.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,110.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,000.00
Truck Insurance	\$550.00	\$740.00	\$780.00	\$868.00	\$900.00	\$900.00
Distribution Line Maintenance	\$12,000.00	\$8,775.00	\$15,000.00	\$16,278.00	\$20,000.00	\$25,000.00
Public Works Distribution Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,979.00	\$6,000.00	\$2,000.00
Workshop / Training	\$600.00	\$180.00	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
Mileage	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00
Chemicals	\$8,600.00	\$15,483.00	\$15,000.00	\$12,264.00	\$16,500.00	\$16,500.00
Materials	\$3,000.00	\$98.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,897.00	\$1,500.00	\$2,000.00
Electricity	\$25,000.00	\$24,741.00	\$30,000.00	\$26,386.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
Office Expense	\$750.00	\$666.00	\$750.00	\$1,130.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Plant Equipment	\$5,000.00	\$21,224.00	\$5,000.00	\$12,486.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Office Equipment	\$900.00	\$726.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Misc.	\$700.00	\$65.00	\$750.00	\$15.00	\$500.00	\$250.00
<b>Total Operations</b>	<b>\$130,400.00</b>	<b>\$147,182.00</b>	<b>\$148,430.00</b>	<b>\$175,509.00</b>	<b>\$188,150.00</b>	<b>\$198,150.00</b>
<b>Buildings and Grounds</b>						
Engineering	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,000.00
Utilities (including propane)	\$3,100.00	\$5,097.00	\$5,000.00	\$3,243.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Building Maintenance	\$2,500.00	\$3,019.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,802.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00

	2011-2012	2011-2012	2012-2013	2012-2013	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	Budget
<b>Buildings and Grounds (contd.)</b>							
Supplies	\$1,000.00	\$1,534.00	\$1,500.00	\$511.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
<b>Total Buildings &amp; Grounds</b>	<b>\$7,600.00</b>	<b>\$9,650.00</b>	<b>\$12,500.00</b>	<b>\$5,556.00</b>	<b>\$15,500.00</b>	<b>\$14,500.00</b>	
<b>General Expenses</b>							
Accounting	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Legal Fees	\$500.00	\$900.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Permits & Licenses	\$1,500.00	\$1,595.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,575.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,500.00
Telephone	\$2,500.00	\$1,670.00	\$2,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Postage	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,012.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Advertising	\$500.00	\$696.00	\$500.00	\$108.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Dues	\$300.00	\$195.00	\$600.00	\$195.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
General Insurances	\$4,700.00	\$3,028.00	\$3,200.00	\$2,736.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,200.00	\$3,200.00
<b>Total General Expenses</b>	<b>\$11,100.00</b>	<b>\$9,184.00</b>	<b>\$9,800.00</b>	<b>\$7,126.00</b>	<b>\$8,550.00</b>	<b>\$8,450.00</b>	
<b>Debt &amp; Capital Funding</b>							
Water System Capitalization	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$27,500.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
Bond Principal Payment	\$143,380.00	\$143,381.00	\$153,381.00	\$153,381.00	\$162,831.00	\$167,831.00	\$167,831.00
Bond Interest Payment	\$130,040.00	\$130,037.00	\$124,469.00	\$124,469.00	\$118,594.00	\$112,500.00	\$112,500.00
<b>Total Debt &amp; Capital Funding</b>	<b>\$298,420.00</b>	<b>\$298,418.00</b>	<b>\$302,850.00</b>	<b>\$302,850.00</b>	<b>\$308,925.00</b>	<b>\$310,331.00</b>	
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$494,300.00</b>	<b>\$505,636.00</b>	<b>\$512,280.00</b>	<b>\$507,106.00</b>	<b>\$537,060.00</b>	<b>\$547,316.00</b>	
<b>Budget Surplus/Deficit</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$3,520.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>-\$390.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>NONOPERATING REVENUE/EXPENSES</b>							
WPL-175 Loan Proceeds	\$0.00	\$7,672.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
WPL-175 Loan Expense	\$0.00	\$7,672.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
RF3-282 Bond Proceeds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$187,631.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
RF3-282 Bond Expense	\$0.00	\$1,900.00	\$0.00	\$185,731.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Net Income/Loss</b>		<b>\$1,620.00</b>		<b>\$1,510.00</b>			
Dwayne Cormier							
Larry Dupont, Chair							
Bryan McCarthy							
Jay O'Boyle							
Terry Schaefer							

**TOWN OF NORTH HERO  
WATER DEPARTMENT CASH BASIS REPORT  
JULY 1, 2012 – JUNE 30, 2013**

**FY 12/13**

**Cash Receipts:**

Receipts	\$449,718
Proceeds of RF3-282 Bond	187,630
Town Appropriation	25,000
Transfer from Water Reserve	32,000
Prepaid Water Fees – 13/14	36,138
Water Reserve & ERU Income	4,923
Transfer from Operating to Reserve	<u>25,000</u>

**Total Cash Receipts** **\$760,409**

**Cash Disbursements:**

Operation Disbursements	\$204,258
RF3-282 EPA Upgrade Expenses	185,731
Transfer to Reserve	25,000
Principal Payments on Bonds	153,381
Interest Payments on Bonds	124,469
Prepaid Water Fees – 12/13	34,789
Transfer to Operations from Reserve	<u>32,000</u>

**Total Cash Disbursements** **(\$759,628)**

**FY 12/13 net increase in the Water Fund** **\$ 781**

**Beginning Balance – July 1, 2012** **\$412,180**

**Ending Balance - June 30, 2013** **\$412,961**

**Accounted for as follows:**

Town's Cash Management Pool	\$ 42,585
Water ERU CD	126,230
Water System Capitalization CD	<u>244,146</u>
	<b><u>\$412,961</u></b>

Attest:   
Peter S. Johnson  
Treasurer



**TOWN OF NORTH HERO  
WATER FEES RECONCILIATION REPORT  
JULY 1, 2012 – JUNE 30, 2013**

**STATEMENT OF WATER FEES**

<b>TOTAL WATER FEES BILLED</b>	<b>\$447,291</b>
Water Fees Receivable as of July 1, 2012	<u>2,755</u>
<b>TOTAL WATER FEES TO ACCOUNT FOR</b>	<b>\$450,046</b>
Water Fee Collections thru June 30, 2013	445,827
Adjustments	<u>51</u>
<b>TOTAL COLLECTIONS AND ADJUSTMENTS</b>	<b><u>\$445,776</u></b>
<b>TOTAL WATER FEES RECEIVABLE - JUNE 30, 2013</b>	<b>\$4,270</b>

Attest:

  
**Peter S. Johnson**  
Treasurer

## Winter and Summer Views of Knight Island



## **School Board Director's Report 2012-2013**

During the year ending in June 2013, our school was home to 10 pre-kindergarten children and 42 students in grades K-6. We had 7 graduates that moved on to 7<sup>th</sup> grade and we continued to support our 45 secondary students across six different schools. Over the past 3 years, we have seen our early grade populations steadily increase: This year Pre-K, Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade makeup 54% of our total primary student population.

Within the North Hero School walls, our informative and witty math teacher and Principal, Joe Resteghini, has provided a bright, clean and welcoming environment for staff and students, alike. The school buzzes with learning, excitement and originality. There is a sense of community among everyone that walks into our building. You can literally feel the care and attention that the staff, administrators and families have helped to create.

Academia is transforming to align with Common Core State Standards. There is a new K-6 writing program, written by Lucy Culkins, which focuses on a spiraling and comprehensive exploration of the writing process. We are also using Bridges in Mathematics supplemental materials. These materials give the most well-rounded curriculum to K-5 math students, while still giving proper depth and breadth to fundamental concepts in primary level mathematics.

Social media has made its way into our school and has become a great resource for those wishing to stay in touch with the school's classroom work, community events and other happenings. Teacher's blog regularly about classroom curriculum and progress – they even post a picture or two! School Administrators post frequently with the Principal's newsletter, upcoming events and reminders. Check out our Facebook page at [facebook.com/NHSchool](https://www.facebook.com/NHSchool) ("like" us too!) and our newly published website at [northheroschool.org](http://northheroschool.org).

As we think about the next school year ('14-'15), we hope that you remember all the great things that happen in our little school in North Hero, Vermont. It is so very important to the students of our community.

Respectfully submitted by: The North Hero School Board of Directors

Andrew Julow, Chair

Judith Wimble, Clerk

Jennifer Gariety

Bridget Timms

A. Dave Davis

## Principal's Annual School Report

The mission of the staff and teachers at North Hero Elementary School is to provide every student the foundational skills that will allow them to grow both academically and socially, to be enthusiastic about being lifetime learners, and to be active members of the community. Our academic curriculum follows standards based learning, and at the same time offers the opportunity to be unique and to seek creative interests that will support students in their transitions to future endeavors.

### School Report:

Our 2013 graduating class of grade six students successfully created, edited, and presented Capstone Projects in that followed through on our intention of making school engaging, interest based, and still following a rigorous curriculum challenging enough to have prepared them for middle school. These projects reflected authentic learning in the areas of: automotive mechanics, journalism, sports, and many more. Students enthusiastically presented their work at our Celebration of Learning in June, and this was a highlighting moment supporting the fundamentals beliefs of the schools dedicated staff. The tradition of Capstone Projects continues this year and will be highlighted by work in the fields of: video production and architectural design.

North Hero School is one of 64 schools across the nation to participate in SWIFT, which is a School Wide Integrated Framework for Transformation. SWIFT is an initiative based out of the University of Kansas. The initiative's philosophy provides academic and social support resulting in excellence in education for all students. The values of SWIFT align well the philosophy already existing at North Hero School, where we are able to address every student on their individual level. SWIFT looks to reform a model in education shifting from industrial to looking at the individual. We are excited about the resources that they will be offering to us over the next three years.

This past year we established our preschool program as a five day a week program, and thus offered families the opportunity to have their children in a school setting, with a professional staff, and offering our youngest learners academics and social skills to better prepare them for kindergarten. This opportunity allows families to continue to provide for their homes while limiting transitions and having the security in knowing their children are being nurtured while learning foundational skills.

Social wellness is as great a priority as academic wellness, and this past year we were able to offer more time with our guidance services, both in a classroom setting and as individual and small group work.

Our afterschool programs continue to be attended by over 80% of our students. Our cheerleaders have worked on routines showcased at sporting events from North Hero to St. Albans. Our cooking club has inspired a service learning project, which has already raised \$600 for the Vermont Children's Hospital, and our ski club is preparing to take its first trip to Titus Mountain this week.

North Hero School has a new website. Please take a moment to visit us at [northheroschool.org](http://northheroschool.org). Our website highlights events, shares our events calendar, has links to all of our classroom teacher's blog sites, and stores minutes from school board meetings (all of which are a cure for the wintertime blues and full of information).

This past year we have begun to use surveys to gather data on how we can improve our practices. From parents and students we learned some important information that will help guide us forward. The most telling responses came from the students who were asked--what is your least favorite thing about school? The most frequent response to this open-ended question was--"nothing." We truly have a special school. We are small, but mighty and are doing great things. Our teachers and staff are a special group of individuals, who are focused on challenging, educating, and providing awesome opportunities for our future leaders.

Thank you for your attention, time, and faith in our work.

Sincerely,

Joe Resteghini, Principal

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# EDUCATION FUNDING

## Act 68

### NORTH HERO

Terms and Definitions on this page are intended to help explain, in general, the elements that make up the tax rate calculation. The final tax rate is calculated by the state. At this time the exact numbers have not been determined, the Department of Education has made no recommendation as to what values to use.

#### **Equalized Pupils: 93.87**

Not to be confused with the number of students attending or the number of students in the school district, the Equalized Pupil count is a weighted average number of pupils. This number is determined by the state. It is the number used for the Homestead Tax Rate calculation.

#### **Common Level of Appraisal (CLA): 88.05%**

This is the ratio applied by the state to equalize local grand lists to reflect market conditions for property value. It is established annually by the Vermont Department of Taxes. This is necessary because we start with a statewide tax rate and that rate is modified to reflect the local housing market. A value of less than 100% indicates that on average properties are being sold for more than the local assessment. A reduction in the CLA results in an increase in the actual tax rate.

#### **Base Education Amount: \$9,382**

The Base Education Amount is assumed to be \$ 9,382 per equalized pupil in FY15. The Base Education amount is used to determine the equalized spending ratio for each district which is then used in the calculation of the Homestead Tax rate. The Base Education Amount is *not* an amount that the district receives for each equalized pupil. The State does not pay the district a block grant for each equalized pupil. The Base Education Amount will be determined by the legislature.

#### **Homestead Tax Rate: \$ 1.01**

Homesteads are taxed at a rate that is adjusted in proportion to a district's education spending each year. The equalized rate for FY15 is assumed to be \$ 1.01. If the district's spending exceeds the base education amount, the equalized rate is increased in the same proportion for that district. The actual rate is determined by dividing the equalized rate by the common level of appraisal. The Homestead Tax Rate will be determined by the legislature.

#### **Non-Residential Tax Rate: \$1.51**

Nonresidential property is taxed at a fixed statewide equalized rate. This tax rate has no bearing on the education spending of the school district. The equalized rate for FY15 is assumed to be \$ 1.51. The actual rate is determined by dividing the equalized rate by the common level of appraisal. The Non-residential Tax Rate will be determined by the legislature.

**Income Sensitivity:**

For homeowners who qualify for income sensitivity, the homestead education tax is adjusted based on household income. **BE SURE TO COMPLETE ALL THE FORMS NECESSARY WHEN YOU COMPLETE YOUR VERMONT INCOME TAX RETURN.** As the law is currently, your Property Tax Bill will reflect any reduction resulting from this factor.

The GISU office, in cooperation with the school boards, has developed the following ESTIMATES of tax impact based on the best available data at this time. Questions on the rationale for the changes in education funding in the State of Vermont should be directed to local representatives and senators in the state legislature.

**WHAT CAUSED THE CHANGE IN THE TAX RATE?**

**Homestead Tax Rate**

<b>FY 14 Homestead Tax Rate:</b>		<b>\$1.6357</b>
<b>Change in Base Education Amount</b>	<b>Minus</b>	<b>\$0.0403</b>
<b>Change in Estimated Homestead Tax Rate</b>	<b>Plus</b>	<b>\$0.1188</b>
<b>Change in the CLA</b>	<b>Plus</b>	<b>\$0.0206</b>
<b>Change in the Equalized Pupil Count</b>	<b>Plus</b>	<b>\$0.0577</b>
<b>Change in Revenue</b>	<b>Plus</b>	<b>\$0.0809</b>
<b>Change in Expense Budget</b>	<b>Minus</b>	<b>\$0.1109</b>
<b>FY15 Estimated Homestead Tax Rate</b>		<b>\$1.7626</b>
<b>Change</b>	<b>Plus</b>	<b>\$0.1269</b>

**Non-Homestead Tax Rate (Not related to the School Budget)**

<b>FY 14 Non-Homestead Tax Rate:</b>		<b>\$1.6160</b>
<b>Change in Estimated Non Homestead Tax Rate</b>	<b>Plus</b>	<b>\$0.0786</b>
<b>Change in the CLA</b>	<b>Plus</b>	<b>\$0.0204</b>
<b>FY15 Estimated Tax Rate</b>		<b>\$1.7149</b>
<b>Change</b>	<b>Plus</b>	<b>\$0.0990</b>

# EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES

## ACT 68 CALCULATIONS

January 22, 2014

North Hero

FY 2014-2015

<b>Proposed Expenditure Budget</b>	<b>\$1,609,866</b>
<b>Carry Forward Prior Year (Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$46,266)</b>
<b>Total Revenue Necessary</b>	<b>\$1,656,132</b>

<b>REVENUES:</b>	<b>Revenue Code</b>	
<b>Local Revenues</b>		
Tuition Income	1322	\$0
Investment Interest Earnings	1510	\$312
Other Revenue Donations	1950	\$25,000
Municipal Building Use	1950	\$66,300
Miscellaneous Other Local Revenue	1990	\$0
<b>Revenue passed through the Supervisory Union</b>		
Idea B Pass Thru	2226	\$0
Title I Program Pass Thru	2250	\$0
Other Subgrants (Medicaid and EEI)	2790	\$4,000
<b>State</b>		
Small Schools Categorical Grant	3145	\$82,737
Transportation Categorical Grant	3150	\$20,151
Capital Debt Hold Harmless Aid		\$0
Special Ed Block Grant	3201	\$35,656
Special Ed Intensive Reimbursement	3202	\$68,741
Special Ed Extraordinary Reimbursement	3203	\$0
Special Ed EEE	3204	\$0
Special Ed; State Placed	3205	\$0
Tuition Reimbursement for State Placed Students	3460	\$0
<b>Carry Forward Surplus</b>		<b>\$0</b>
<b>Subtotal of "Local" Revenues</b>		<b>\$302,897</b>
EDUCATION SPENDING AS DEFINED BY ACT 68	3110	\$1,353,235
<b>GRAND TOTAL ALL REVENUES TO MEET BUDGET</b>		<b>\$1,656,132</b>

District: **North Hero**  
County: **Grand Isle**

**T143**  
**Grand Isle**

Statutory calculation: See note at bottom of page

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

**\$9,382**

**\$1.01**

**Expenditures**

		FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	
1.	<b>Budget</b> (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$1,694,502	\$1,631,016	\$1,694,999	\$1,609,866	1.
2.	plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	+	+	+	+	2.
3.	minus Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending	-	-	-	-	3.
4.	Act 68 locally adopted or warned budget	\$1,694,502	\$1,631,016	\$1,694,999	\$1,609,866	4.
5.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	+	+	+	+	5.
6.	plus Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	+	+	+	+	6.
7.	<b>Gross Act 68 Budget</b>	\$1,694,502	\$1,631,016	\$1,694,999	\$1,609,866	7.
8.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-	8.
9.	Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-	9.

**Revenues**

10.	Local revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$367,227	\$300,944	\$314,225	\$256,631	10.
11.	plus Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	+	+	+	+	11.
12.	plus Prior year deficit reduction if included in revenues (negative revenue instead of expenditures)	+	+	+	+	12.
13.	minus All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues	-	-	-	-	13.
14.	<b>Total local revenues</b>	\$371,258	\$305,283	\$318,609	\$256,631	14.

15.	<b>Education Spending</b>	\$1,323,244	\$1,325,733	\$1,376,390	\$1,353,235	15.
16.	Equalized Pupils (Act 130 count is by school district)	101.57	98.02	96.99	93.87	16.

		\$13,027.90	\$13,525.13	\$14,191.05	\$14,416	
17.	<b>Education Spending per Equalized Pupil</b>					17.
18.	minus Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	-\$160.48	-\$159.92	-\$158.13		18.
19.	minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual	-	-	-	-	19.
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	-	-	-	-	20.
21.	minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils	-	-	-	-	21.
22.	minus Estimated costs of new students after census period	-	-	-	-	22.
23.	minus Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition	-	-	-	-	23.
24.	minus Less planning costs for merger of small schools	-	-	-	-	24.
25.	plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	+	+	+	+	25.
26.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment	\$13,028	\$13,525	\$14,191	\$14,416	26.
27.	<b>District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)</b> <b>(\$14,416 / \$9,382)</b>	152.480%	155.051%	155.076%	153.657%	27.

**Prorating the local tax rate**

28.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate to be prorated (153.657% x \$1.010)	\$1.3266	\$1.3800	\$1.4577	\$1.5519	28.
29.	Percent of North Hero equalized pupils not in a union school district	100.000%	100.000%	100.000%	100.000%	29.
30.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (100.000% x \$1.55)	\$1.3266	\$1.3800	\$1.4577	\$1.5519	30.
31.	<b>Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)</b>	84.35%	85.41%	89.11%	88.05%	31.
32.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$1.552 / 88.05%)	\$1.5727	\$1.6157	\$1.6358	\$1.7625	32.

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

33.	Anticipated income cap percent to be prorated (153.657% x 1.84%)	2.74%	2.79%	2.79%	2.83%	33.
34.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (100.000% x 2.83%)	2.74%	2.79%	2.79%	2.83%	34.
35.	Percent of equalized pupils at union 1	-	-	-	-	35.
36.		-	-	-	-	36.

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

*School Tax Rate Analysis*

Homestead and Non-Residential Education Tax Rates  
FY2015

LEA: **North Hero** LEA ID: 143  
S.U.: **Grand Isle Supervisory Union** County: **Grand Isle**

Base Amount	\$9,382		Using AoE Statutory Tax info - 9382, 1.01, 1.51
Base Homestead tax rate:	1.01000		Using Tax Commissioner's suggestion 9109, .99, 1.49 Legislative decision
Base Non-Residential tax rate:	1.51000		Tax Com = .013476 cent increase
Common level of appraisal	88.05%	FY2014 89.31	
Total budgeted expenditures	\$1,609,866		
Budgeted revenues	\$256,631		(excludes expected revenues from the general state support grant and property taxes)
Local education spending	\$1,353,235		Okay
Net Equalized pupils	93.87		
Local Ed spending per Eq. Pupil	\$14,416.05	FY14 Incr/Dcr 14189 \$227.05	
Eligible Capital Debt	\$0.00		
Capital Debt per Eq. Pupil	\$0.00		

1. Actual homestead education tax rate

FY2015	FY2014
1.7626	1.6358
<b>Change</b>	<b>Cents</b>
12.6756¢	Percentage
7.749%	

2. Education spending per equalized pupil	14,416.05
3. Approved capital construction spending per equalized pupil	-
4. Education spending per pupil less approved construction spending	(line 2 - line 3) 14,416.05
5. Excess spending threshold	
6. Excess spending per equalized pupil (amount per pupil over threshold)	(line 4 - line 5) -
7. Adjusted education spending per equalized pupil	(line 2 + line 6) 14,416.05
8. District spending adjustment	(line 7 / Base Amount) 153.66%
9. Equalized homestead tax rate	(line 8 * 1.016) \$1,5519
10. Common level of appraisal (CLA)	88.05%
11. Actual homestead tax rate	(line 9 / line 10) \$1,7626

Steps to actual homestead tax rate

2. Education spending per equalized pupil
3. Approved capital construction spending per equalized pupil
4. Education spending per pupil less approved construction spending
5. Excess spending threshold
6. Excess spending per equalized pupil (amount per pupil over threshold)
7. Adjusted education spending per equalized pupil
8. District spending adjustment
9. Equalized homestead tax rate
10. Common level of appraisal (CLA)
11. Actual homestead tax rate

12. Actual non-residential education tax rate

FY2015	FY2014
1.7149	1.6160
<b>Change</b>	<b>Cents</b>
9.8935	
6.122%	

13. Equalized non-residential tax rate	1.5100
14. Common level of appraisal (CLA)	88.05%
15. Actual non-residential tax rate	(line 13 / line 14) 1.7149

Steps to actual non-residential tax rate

13. Equalized non-residential tax rate
14. Common level of appraisal (CLA)
15. Actual non-residential tax rate

Note:

Tax rates are calculated by the Division of Property Valuation and Review of the Vermont Department of Taxes

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

School: North Hero Elementary School  
 S.U.: Grand Isle S.U.

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

**FY2013 School Level Data**

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

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

School level data		Grades Offered	Enrollment	Total Teachers	Total Administrators	Stu / Tchr Ratio	Stu / Admin Ratio	Tchr / Admin Ratio
Smaller ->	Reading Elementary School	PK - 5	50	5.30	0.60	9.43	83.33	8.83
	Peacham Elementary School	PK - 6	50	4.80	0.80	10.42	62.50	6.00
	Tinnmouth Elementary School	PK - 6	53	6.24	1.00	8.49	53.00	6.24
	<b>North Hero Elementary School</b>	<b>PK - 6</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>6.50</b>	<b>0.40</b>	<b>8.15</b>	<b>132.50</b>	<b>16.25</b>
-> Larger	Stockbridge Central School	PK - 6	58	5.84	1.00	9.93	58.00	5.84
	Pomfret School	PK - 6	58	6.53	0.50	8.88	116.00	13.06
	Wardsboro Central School	PK - 6	64	5.15	1.00	12.43	64.00	5.15
<b>Averaged SCHOOL cohort data</b>			<b>62.79</b>	<b>6.54</b>	<b>0.80</b>	<b>9.60</b>	<b>78.15</b>	<b>8.14</b>

School District: North Hero  
 LEA ID: T143

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

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

**FY2012 School District Data**

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

Grades offered in School District  
 Student FTE enrolled in school district  
 Current expenditures per student FTE EXCLUDING special education costs

**Cohort Rank by FTE**  
 (1 is largest)  
 33 out of 51

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

Smaller ->	Ripton	K-6	47.63	\$15,099
	Tinnmouth	PK-6	50.04	\$15,479
	Weybridge	K-6	50.80	\$18,114
	<b>North Hero</b>	<b>PK-6</b>	<b>53.28</b>	<b>\$15,085</b>
-> Larger	Shrewsbury	PK-6	57.46	\$15,379
	Leicester	K-6	57.84	\$14,427
	Sunderland	K-6	63.51	\$12,582
<b>Averaged SCHOOL DISTRICT cohort data</b>			<b>62.61</b>	<b>\$14,206</b>

Current expenditures are an effort to calculate an amount per FTE spent by a district on students enrolled in that district. This figure excludes tuitions and assessments paid to other providers, construction and equipment costs, debt service, adult education, and community service.

**FY2014 School District Data**

LEA ID	School District	Grades offered in School District	School district tax rate			Total municipal tax rate, K-12, consisting of prorated member district rates		
			SchlDist Equalized Pupils	SchlDist Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	SchlDist Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate	MUN Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate	MUN Common Level of Appraisal	MUN Actual Homestead Ed tax rate
Smaller ->	T170 Roxbury	PK-6	92.37	10,403.64	1.0687	1.0687	96.23%	1.1106
	T075 Fayston	PK-6	93.80	15,405.97	1.5825	1.5112	101.57%	1.4879
	U023 Currier Memorial USD #2	K-6	96.19	13,698.38	1.4071	-	-	-
	T143 North Hero	K-6	96.99	14,191.05	1.4577	1.4577	89.11%	1.6358
-> Larger	T151 Peacham	PK-6	99.46	14,679.19	1.5079	1.5079	96.60%	1.5610
	T197 Stockbridge	PK-6	99.98	15,175.78	1.5589	1.5589	98.07%	1.5896
	T125 Middletown Springs	PK-6	112.20	15,099.53	1.5510	1.5510	95.85%	1.6182

The Legislature has required the Department of Education to provide this information per the following statute:

16 V.S.A. 165(a)(2) The school, at least annually, reports student performance results to community members in a format selected by the school board. . . . The school report shall include:

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

# North Hero Town School District 2015 Budget By line - Category

Report # 6643

Statement Code: TAB D

Account Number / Description	3 Years Prior Actual 7/1/2011 - 6/30/2012	2 Years Prior Actual 7/1/2012 - 6/30/2013	1 Year Prior Adopted 7/1/2013 - 6/30/2014	2015 Proposed 7/1/2014 - 6/30/2015	Increase (Decrease)	% Change
Elementary	\$733,803	\$718,331	\$783,533	\$734,974	\$ (48,559)	(6)%
Secondary	\$552,457	\$566,202	\$580,578	\$571,854	\$ (8,724)	(2)%
Tech Ctr on Behalf by State	\$35,604	\$40,449	\$35,445	\$35,445	\$0	0%
Transportation	\$50,250	\$46,184	\$45,784	\$48,260	\$2,476	5%
Special Ed	\$111,709	\$156,595	\$126,475	\$127,993	\$1,518	1%
Special Ed Tuition/Alt Placement	\$22,091	\$21,805	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$0	0%
Essential Early Education	\$37,988	\$44,726	\$17,125	\$7,961	\$ (9,164)	(54)%
Pre-Kindergarten	\$14,458	\$17,180	\$30,722	\$23,379	\$ (7,343)	(24)%
Debt Service	\$16,049	\$15,674	\$15,337	\$0	\$ (15,337)	(100)%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$1,574,409</b>	<b>\$1,627,146</b>	<b>\$1,694,999</b>	<b>\$1,609,866</b>	<b>\$ (85,133)</b>	<b>(5)%</b>

# North Hero Town School District 2015 Budget by Line by Function Detail

Account Number / Description	3 Years Prior	2 Years Prior	1 Year PriorFY 2015 Proposed		Difference	Percentage
	Actual 7/1/2011 - 6/30/2012	Actual 7/1/2012 - 6/30/2013	Adopted 7/1/2013 - 6/30/2014	7/1/2014 - 6/30/2015		
<b>1100 Instructional</b>						
1. 001-1100-5110-000-00 Instructional-salaries	251,490	267,604	270,201	270,022	(179)	0 %
2. 001-1100-5110-000-90 Federal Jobs Expense Teachers' salaries	22,387	0	0	0	0	---
3. 001-1100-5112-000-00 Instructional-substitutes	7,200	4,200	7,500	7,500	0	0 %
4. 001-1100-5114-000-00 Instructional tutoring (secondary)	0	315	0	0	0	---
5. 001-1100-5115-000-00 Instructional-aides Salaries	11,316	8,272	10,918	12,639	1,721	16 %
6. 001-1100-5140-000-00 Retirement Incentive salary	50,944	52,004	49,046	0	(49,046)	(100)%
7. 001-1100-5210-000-00 Instructional-group Health	50,563	41,590	64,772	58,794	(5,978)	(9)%
8. 001-1100-5220-000-00 Instructional-fica	19,847	21,165	25,831	22,197	(3,634)	(14)%
9. 001-1100-5230-000-00 Instructional - Group Life	431	447	494	566	72	15 %
10. 001-1100-5240-000-00 Employee Retirement	453	331	0	0	0	---
11. 001-1100-5250-000-00 Instructional-Workers Comp.	1,724	1,603	1,449	1,470	21	1 %
12. 001-1100-5260-000-00 Instructional-unemployment Comp.	1,717	150	187	735	548	293 %
13. 001-1100-5270-000-00 Instructional-course Reimbursement	0	3,323	6,665	10,000	3,335	50 %
14. 001-1100-5280-000-00 Instructional-group Dental Insurance	5,115	6,472	3,761	5,631	1,870	50 %
15. 001-1100-5281-000-00 Instructional-group Vision Insurance	1,524	1,672	1,839	1,801	(38)	(2)%
16. 001-1100-5290-000-00 Instructional-professional Development	1,466	2,608	1,225	1,225	0	0 %
17. 001-1100-5320-000-00 Professional Educ. Svcs.	0	214	0	0	0	---
18. 001-1100-5334-000-00 Act 504 Accomodations	93	0	250	250	0	0 %
19. 001-1100-5433-000-00 Instructional-repairs To Equipment	30	0	300	300	0	0 %
20. 001-1100-5515-000-00 Field Trips (Educational)	4,251	1,915	3,000	3,000	0	0 %
21. 001-1100-5561-000-00 Tuition HS - In State	469,293	484,745	465,821	501,960	36,139	8 %
22. 001-1100-5564-000-00 Tuition HS-Out of State Public/Private	48,328	41,477	27,810	29,640	1,830	7 %
23. 001-1100-5566-000-00 Tuition HS - In State Private	0	0	53,458	13,601	(39,857)	(75)%
24. 001-1100-5568-000-00 Tech Center w/Offsetting Revenues	35,604	40,449	35,445	35,445	0	0 %
25. 001-1100-5569-000-00 Tuition - Tech Ctr/Vocational	34,836	39,980	33,489	26,653	(6,836)	(20)%
26. 001-1100-5580-000-00 Instructional-travel	61	372	200	200	0	0 %
27. 001-1100-5610-000-00 Instructional-general Supplies	7,414	8,201	6,723	8,000	1,277	19 %
28. 001-1100-5610-107-00 Art Supplies	550	620	671	671	0	0 %
29. 001-1100-5610-109-00 Music Supplies	71	50	95	95	0	0 %

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	7/1/2011 - 6/30/2012	7/1/2012 - 6/30/2013	7/1/2012 - 6/30/2013	7/1/2013 - 6/30/2014	7/1/2014 - 6/30/2015	7/1/2014 - 6/30/2015			
30. 001-1100-5610-113-00 Science Supplies	298	388	388	900	900	900	0	0 %	
31. 001-1100-5610-117-00 Phys Ed Supplies	621	397	397	415	415	415	0	0 %	
32. 001-1100-5611-000-00 Instructional-achievement Tests& Scoring	0	0	0	200	200	200	0	0 %	
33. 001-1100-5611-109-00 Island Arts Expense	354	0	0	0	0	0	0	---	
34. 001-1100-5640-000-00 Instructional-Books	782	0	0	2,000	2,000	2,000	0	0 %	
35. 001-1100-5641-000-00 Magazines/Periodicals	0	227	227	240	240	240	0	0 %	
36. 001-1100-5670-000-00 Instructional-computer Software	5,999	2,000	2,000	5,000	2,000	2,000	(3,000)	(60)%	
37. 001-1100-5730-000-00 Instructional-instructional Equipment	0	169	169	0	0	0	0	---	
38. 001-1100-5733-000-00 Instructional-furniture & Fixtures	250	0	0	0	0	0	0	---	
39. 001-1100-5734-000-00 Instructional-computer Equipment	5,102	648	648	2,500	2,500	2,500	0	0 %	
<b>TOTAL 1100 Instructional</b>	<b>\$1,040,114</b>	<b>\$1,033,608</b>	<b>\$1,033,608</b>	<b>\$1,082,405</b>	<b>\$1,020,650</b>	<b>\$1,020,650</b>	<b>\$(61,755)</b>	<b>(6)%</b>	
<b>1123 Universal Access Pre-K</b>									
40. 001-1123-5110-000-00 Universal Access-Pre K Salaries	11,883	14,615	14,615	20,875	16,883	16,883	(3,992)	(19)%	
41. 001-1123-5210-000-00 UA Pre K- Group Health	0	0	0	6,307	3,221	3,221	(3,086)	(49)%	
42. 001-1123-5220-000-00 UA Pre K- FICA	1,008	1,118	1,118	1,597	1,292	1,292	(305)	(19)%	
43. 001-1123-5250-000-00 UA-Pre K- Workers Comp.	62	140	140	109	88	88	(21)	(19)%	
44. 001-1123-5260-000-00 UA- Pre K- Unemp. Comp.	227	0	0	21	44	44	23	110 %	
45. 001-1123-5280-000-00 UA - Pre K- Group Dental	0	0	0	498	521	521	23	5 %	
46. 001-1123-5281-000-00 UA - Pre K- Group Vision	0	0	0	340	355	355	15	4 %	
47. 001-1123-5290-000-00 UA - Pre K- Prof. Development	35	70	70	175	175	175	0	0 %	
48. 001-1123-5610-000-00 Preschool supplies	1,172	1,098	1,098	500	500	500	0	0 %	
49. 001-1123-5640-000-00 Preschool books	71	139	139	300	300	300	0	0 %	
<b>TOTAL 1123 Universal Access Pre-K</b>	<b>\$14,458</b>	<b>\$17,180</b>	<b>\$17,180</b>	<b>\$30,722</b>	<b>\$23,379</b>	<b>\$23,379</b>	<b>\$(7,343)</b>	<b>(24)%</b>	
<b>1200 Special Education</b>									
50. 001-1200-5110-000-00 Special Ed-salaries	27,143	27,505	27,505	16,234	20,343	20,343	4,109	25 %	
51. 001-1200-5112-000-00 Special Ed-substitutes	675	300	300	300	300	300	0	0 %	
52. 001-1200-5115-000-00 Special Ed-aides Salaries	19,750	62,487	62,487	25,110	40,122	40,122	15,012	60 %	
53. 001-1200-5210-000-00 Special Ed-group Health Insurance	6,757	8,638	8,638	7,145	19,119	19,119	11,974	168 %	

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	7/1/2011 - 6/30/2012	7/1/2012 - 6/30/2013	7/1/2012 - 6/30/2013	7/1/2013 - 6/30/2014	7/1/2013 - 6/30/2014	7/1/2014 - 6/30/2015			
54. 001-1200-5220-000-00 Special Ed-fica	3,543	6,749	0	3,186	4,649	1,463	46 %		
55. 001-1200-5230-000-00 Group Life Insurance	5	0	151	141	151	10	7 %		
56. 001-1200-5240-000-00 Special Ed. - Retirement	819	2,499	1,605	1,004	1,605	601	60 %		
57. 001-1200-5250-000-00 Special Ed - Workers Comp.	481	237	314	215	314	99	46 %		
58. 001-1200-5260-000-00 Special Ed-unemployment Comp.	490	63	157	42	157	115	274 %		
59. 001-1200-5270-000-00 Special Ed-course Reimbursement	0	719	1,700	1,700	1,700	0	0 %		
60. 001-1200-5280-000-00 Special Ed-group Dental Insurance	642	750	1,233	581	1,233	652	112 %		
61. 001-1200-5281-000-00 Special Ed-group Vision Insurance	38	5	0	0	0	0	---		
62. 001-1200-5290-000-00 Professional Development	0	0	300	300	500	200	67 %		
63. 001-1200-5320-000-00 Spec. Ed.-Prof Educ. Svcs	2,253	0	0	0	0	0	---		
64. 001-1200-5332-000-00 Spec Ed - BI Services from SU	0	10,598	0	0	0	0	---		
65. 001-1200-5513-000-00 Special Ed-special Ed Transportation	15,436	13,385	20,000	20,000	1,000	(19,000)	(95)%		
66. 001-1200-5532-000-00 Spec Ed - Postage	8	4	0	0	0	0	---		
67. 001-1200-5561-000-00 Special Ed-Excess Costs/Tuition	22,091	21,805	60,000	60,000	60,000	0	0 %		
68. 001-1200-5580-000-00 Special Ed-travel	0	71	750	200	750	550	275 %		
69. 001-1200-5610-000-00 Special Ed-program Supplies	731	622	750	500	750	250	50 %		
70. 001-1200-5730-000-00 Special Ed-equipment	0	356	500	500	500	0	0 %		
<b>TOTAL 1200 Special Education</b>	<b>\$100,862</b>	<b>\$156,793</b>	<b>\$137,158</b>	<b>\$153,193</b>	<b>\$16,035</b>	<b>12 %</b>			
<b>1201 Essential Early Education</b>									
71. 001-1201-5110-000-00 Eee-salaries	12,976	13,475	6,737	6,737	0	(6,737)	(100)%		
72. 001-1201-5115-000-00 Eee-aides Salaries	2,415	679	0	0	0	0	---		
73. 001-1201-5220-000-00 Eee-fica	1,177	1,083	514	514	0	(514)	(100)%		
74. 001-1201-5250-000-00 Eee-Workers Comp.	64	69	35	35	0	(35)	(100)%		
75. 001-1201-5260-000-00 Eee-unemployment Comp	227	21	18	18	0	(18)	(100)%		
76. 001-1201-5270-000-00 Eee-course Reimbursement	0	70	1,700	1,700	0	(1,700)	(100)%		
77. 001-1201-5280-000-00 Eee-course Dental Insurance	67	0	55	55	0	(55)	(100)%		
78. 001-1201-5281-000-00 Eee-group Vision Insurance	0	0	16	16	0	(16)	(100)%		
79. 001-1201-5332-000-00 EEE - BI Services from SU	0	8,009	0	0	0	0	---		
80. 001-1201-5580-000-00 Eee-travel	792	422	500	500	0	(500)	(100)%		

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	7/1/2011 - 6/30/2012	7/1/2012 - 6/30/2013	7/1/2012 - 6/30/2013	7/1/2013 - 6/30/2014	7/1/2013 - 6/30/2014	7/1/2014 - 6/30/2015			
81. 001-1201-5610-000-00 Ece-program Supplies	229	112		0	0	0		0	---
<b>TOTAL 1201 Essential Early Education</b>	<b>\$17,947</b>	<b>\$23,940</b>		<b>\$9,575</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$(9,575)</b>	<b>(100)%</b>
<b>1410 Student Body Activities</b>									
82. 001-1410-5120-000-00 Coaches & Refs & PE Activities	170	0	500	500	500	500	0	0	0 %
83. 001-1410-5220-000-00 Coaches & Refs FICA	0	0	38	38	38	38	0	0	0 %
84. 001-1410-5250-000-00 Coach Ref, WC	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	---
85. 001-1410-5337-000-00 Student activities - Programs	1,294	1,935	0	0	0	0	0	0	---
86. 001-1410-5610-000-00 Student Activities	862	428	1,250	1,250	1,200	1,200	(50)	(50)	(4)%
<b>TOTAL 1410 Student Body Activities</b>	<b>\$2,326</b>	<b>\$2,363</b>		<b>\$1,788</b>	<b>\$1,739</b>			<b>\$(49)</b>	<b>(3)%</b>
<b>2120 Guidance Services</b>									
87. 001-2120-5110-000-00 Guidance-salary	11,232	5,906	11,677	11,677	12,122	12,122	445	445	4 %
88. 001-2120-5220-000-00 Guidance-FICA	859	452	893	893	927	927	34	34	4 %
89. 001-2120-5230-000-00 Group Life Insurance	0	0	20	20	20	20	0	0	0 %
90. 001-2120-5250-000-00 Guidance-Workers Comp	28	30	61	61	63	63	2	2	3 %
91. 001-2120-5260-000-00 Guidance-unemployment	227	15	21	21	32	32	11	11	52 %
92. 001-2120-5280-000-00 Guidance - Dental	275	0	302	302	316	316	14	14	5 %
93. 001-2120-5281-000-00 Guidance Vision Insurance	0	0	68	68	71	71	3	3	4 %
94. 001-2120-5290-000-00 Guidance-Prof. Development	200	0	175	175	175	175	0	0	0 %
95. 001-2120-5610-000-00 Guidance-general Supplies	0	0	100	100	100	100	0	0	0 %
<b>TOTAL 2120 Guidance Services</b>	<b>\$12,821</b>	<b>\$6,403</b>		<b>\$13,317</b>	<b>\$13,826</b>			<b>\$509</b>	<b>4 %</b>
<b>2134 Health Services</b>									
96. 001-2134-5110-000-00 Health Services-salaries(nurse)	6,456	6,593	6,741	6,741	6,841	6,841	100	100	1 %
97. 001-2134-5210-000-00 Health Services-group Health Insurance	1,267	0	1,261	1,261	1,266	1,266	5	5	0 %
98. 001-2134-5220-000-00 Health Services-fica	494	504	516	516	523	523	7	7	1 %
99. 001-2134-5230-000-00 Group Life Insurance	12	13	10	10	10	10	0	0	0 %
100. 001-2134-5250-000-00 Health Services-Workers Comp.	32	34	35	35	36	36	1	1	3 %
101. 001-2134-5260-000-00 Health Services-unemployment Comp.	183	53	18	18	18	18	0	0	0 %

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102. 001-2134-5280-000-00 Health Services-group Dental Insurance	79	0	0	100	104	4	4 %		
103. 001-2134-5281-000-00 Health Services-group Vision Insurance	28	0	0	34	36	2	6 %		
104. 001-2134-5290-000-00 Health Services-Prof. Development	88	91	0	0	0	0	---		
105. 001-2134-5580-000-00 Health Services-travel	27	65	115	115	115	0	0 %		
106. 001-2134-5610-000-00 Health Services-general Supplies	197	256	259	259	259	0	0 %		
<b>TOTAL 2134 Health Services</b>	<b>\$8,863</b>	<b>\$7,609</b>	<b>\$9,089</b>	<b>\$9,208</b>	<b>\$119</b>	<b>1 %</b>			
<b>2150 Speech Services</b>									
107. 001-2150-5110-000-00 Speech Services-salaries	1,460	3,700	11,927	12,205	278	2 %			
108. 001-2150-5112-000-00 Speech Services-substitutes	150	0	0	150	150	---			
109. 001-2150-5115-000-00 Speech Services-aides Salaries	7,992	8,836	8,681	14,032	5,351	62 %			
110. 001-2150-5210-000-00 Speech Services-group Health Insurance	3,414	0	4,127	4,143	16	0 %			
111. 001-2150-5220-000-00 Speech Services-fica	735	959	1,576	2,019	443	28 %			
112. 001-2150-5230-000-00 Group Life Insurance	0	0	111	111	0	0 %			
113. 001-2150-5250-000-00 Speech Services-Workers Comp.	42	75	78	107	29	37 %			
114. 001-2150-5260-000-00 Speech Services-unemployment Comp.	227	21	52	68	16	31 %			
115. 001-2150-5270-000-00 Speech Services-course Reimbursement	0	0	265	0	(265)	(100)%			
116. 001-2150-5280-000-00 Speech Services-group Dental Insurance	245	0	332	347	15	5 %			
117. 001-2150-5281-000-00 Speech Services-group Vision Insurance	0	0	113	118	5	4 %			
118. 001-2150-5290-000-00 Speech Serv Prof Dev	0	0	0	500	500	---			
119. 001-2150-5320-000-00 Speech/Hearing Services-Prof. Educ. Svcs	225	0	0	0	0	---			
120. 001-2150-5580-000-00 Speech Services-travel	0	399	500	500	0	0 %			
121. 001-2150-5610-000-00 Speech Services-program Supplies	0	0	750	500	(250)	(33)%			
<b>TOTAL 2150 Speech Services</b>	<b>\$14,490</b>	<b>\$13,990</b>	<b>\$28,512</b>	<b>\$34,800</b>	<b>\$6,288</b>	<b>22 %</b>			
<b>2151 EEE Speech</b>									
122. 001-2151-5110-000-00 Eee Speech-salaries	17,932	18,715	0	0	0	---			
123. 001-2151-5115-000-00 EEE Speech- Aides Salaries	0	0	6,271	6,465	194	3 %			
124. 001-2151-5220-000-00 Eee Speech-fica	1,372	1,432	480	495	15	3 %			
125. 001-2151-5250-000-00 Eee Speech-Workers Comp.	30	64	33	34	1	3 %			

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126. 001-2151-5260-000-00 Eee Speech-unemployment Comp.	227	21	16	17	1	6 %		
127. 001-2151-5290-000-00 EEE SLP Professional Development	0	68	0	0	0	---		
128. 001-2151-5580-000-00 Eee Speech-travel	0	554	500	500	0	0 %		
129. 001-2151-5610-000-00 Eee Speech-program Supplies	480	0	0	200	200	---		
130. 001-2151-5734-000-00 Eee Speech-equipment	0	0	250	250	0	0 %		
<b>TOTAL 2151 EEE Speech</b>	<b>\$20,041</b>	<b>\$20,854</b>	<b>\$7,550</b>	<b>\$7,961</b>	<b>\$411</b>	<b>5 %</b>		
<b>2160 O/T</b>								
131. 001-2160-5290-000-00 O/T Prof Development	35	0	0	0	0	---		
132. 001-2160-5580-000-00 O/T Travel	0	105	0	0	0	---		
<b>TOTAL 2160 O/T</b>	<b>\$35</b>	<b>\$105</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>---</b>		
<b>2161 OT/PT EEE Services</b>								
133. 001-2161-5320-000-00 OT/PT EEE Services	0	269	0	0	0	---		
<b>TOTAL 2161 OT/PT EEE Services</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$269</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>---</b>		
<b>2190 P/T</b>								
134. 001-2190-5580-000-00 P/T Mileage	0	69	0	0	0	---		
<b>TOTAL 2190 P/T</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$69</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>---</b>		
<b>2222 Library</b>								
135. 001-2222-5110-000-00 Library Services-salary	0	10,579	11,677	11,278	(399)	(3)%		
136. 001-2222-5115-000-00 Library Services-aide Salary	4,703	0	0	0	0	---		
137. 001-2222-5220-000-00 Library Services-fica	360	809	893	863	(30)	(3)%		
138. 001-2222-5230-000-00 Library Services Group Life Insurance	0	0	20	20	0	0 %		
139. 001-2222-5250-000-00 Library Services-Workers Comp.	0	59	61	59	(2)	(3)%		
140. 001-2222-5260-000-00 Library Services-unemployment Comp.	0	21	21	29	8	38 %		
141. 001-2222-5270-000-00 Library-tuition	3,282	0	0	0	0	---		
142. 001-2222-5290-000-00 Library Services-Prof. Development	0	0	175	175	0	0 %		
143. 001-2222-5610-000-00 Library Services-library Supplies	191	177	180	180	0	0 %		
144. 001-2222-5640-000-00 Library Services-library Books	1,870	785	0	0	0	---		

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145. 001-2222-5640-000-90 Books - Grant Funded	0	0	0	0	800	800	800	800	0	0 %
146. 001-2222-5641-000-00 Library Services-magazines/periodicals	240	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	---
147. 001-2222-5730-000-00 Library Services-furniture	0	0	0	0	0	0	400	400	400	---
<b>TOTAL 2222 Library</b>	<b>\$10,646</b>	<b>\$12,430</b>	<b>\$12,430</b>	<b>\$12,430</b>	<b>\$13,827</b>	<b>\$13,827</b>	<b>\$13,804</b>	<b>\$13,804</b>	<b>\$(23)</b>	<b>0 %</b>
<b>2310 Board of Education</b>										
148. 001-2310-5110-000-00 Board Of Ed Services-salaries	0	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	0	0 %
149. 001-2310-5111-000-00 Board Of Ed/treasurer-salary	0	0	0	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400	0	0 %
150. 001-2310-5113-000-00 Board of Ed Secretary	875	813	813	0	0	0	0	0	0	---
151. 001-2310-5220-000-00 Board Of Ed Services-fica	67	292	292	337	337	337	337	337	0	0 %
152. 001-2310-5240-000-00 Principal Services Retirement	0	0	0	107	107	107	107	107	0	0 %
153. 001-2310-5300-000-00 Cafeteria Plan	341	371	371	405	405	405	405	405	0	0 %
154. 001-2310-5360-000-00 Board Of Ed Services-legal Services	140	380	380	1,000	1,000	1,000	700	700	(300)	(30)%
155. 001-2310-5370-000-00 Board Of Ed Services-contracted Svcs/aud	3,400	3,400	3,400	3,400	3,400	3,400	3,400	3,400	0	0 %
156. 001-2310-5530-000-00 Board Of Ed Services-telephone/postage F	266	215	215	250	250	250	300	300	50	20 %
157. 001-2310-5540-000-00 Board Of Ed Services-advertising	500	244	244	500	500	500	500	500	0	0 %
158. 001-2310-5610-000-00 Board Of Ed Services-supplies	190	0	0	200	200	200	200	200	0	0 %
159. 001-2310-5613-000-00 Board Of Ed Services-board Of Ed Expense	51	150	150	250	250	250	250	250	0	0 %
160. 001-2310-5810-000-00 Board Of Ed Services-vsba Dues	900	927	927	1,050	1,050	1,050	1,050	1,050	0	0 %
<b>TOTAL 2310 Board of Education</b>	<b>\$6,730</b>	<b>\$9,792</b>	<b>\$9,792</b>	<b>\$11,899</b>	<b>\$11,899</b>	<b>\$11,649</b>	<b>\$11,649</b>	<b>\$11,649</b>	<b>\$(250)</b>	<b>(2)%</b>
<b>2320 Assessment - Supervisory Union</b>										
161. 001-2320-5331-000-00 Administration Services-supervisory Unio	57,418	67,840	67,840	84,724	84,724	84,724	84,724	84,724	16,134	24 %
<b>TOTAL 2320 Assessment - Supervisory Union</b>	<b>\$57,418</b>	<b>\$67,840</b>	<b>\$67,840</b>	<b>\$84,724</b>	<b>\$84,724</b>	<b>\$84,724</b>	<b>\$84,724</b>	<b>\$84,724</b>	<b>\$16,134</b>	<b>24 %</b>
<b>2410 Principal Services</b>										
162. 001-2410-5110-000-00 Principal Service-salary	24,107	20,800	20,800	26,674	26,674	26,674	38,500	38,500	11,826	44 %
163. 001-2410-5113-000-00 Principal Service-secretary Salary	20,904	23,009	23,009	21,386	21,386	21,386	20,933	20,933	(453)	(2)%
164. 001-2410-5140-000-00 Retirement Option	13,153	12,219	12,219	12,219	12,219	12,219	0	0	(12,219)	(100)%
165. 001-2410-5210-000-00 Principal Services-group Health Insuranc	6,814	5,462	5,462	6,847	6,847	6,847	10,666	10,666	3,819	56 %

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166. 001-2410-5220-000-00 Principal Services-fica	3,330	4,199	4,611	4,547	(64)	(1)%		
167. 001-2410-5230-000-00 Principal Service-group Life Insurance	150	106	40	89	49	123 %		
168. 001-2410-5240-000-00 Principal Svcs - Retirement	284	280	533	770	237	44 %		
169. 001-2410-5250-000-00 Principal Services-Workers Comp.	407	330	313	309	(4)	(1)%		
170. 001-2410-5260-000-00 Principal Service-unemployment Comp.	682	56	77	75	(2)	(3)%		
171. 001-2410-5270-000-00 Principal Svcs.- Course Reimb.	0	0	6,265	0	(6,265)	(100)%		
172. 001-2410-5280-000-00 Principal Services-group Dental Insuranc	1,535	1,345	1,153	1,215	62	5 %		
173. 001-2410-5281-000-00 Principal Services-group Vision Insuranc	456	448	814	876	62	8 %		
174. 001-2410-5290-000-00 Principal Svcs.- Prof. Development	1,126	8,740	1,000	1,000	0	0 %		
175. 001-2410-5430-000-00 Principal Svcs.- Copier Svcs.	2,456	2,804	2,548	2,676	128	5 %		
176. 001-2410-5530-000-00 Principal Services-telephone	1,698	1,530	2,100	1,750	(350)	(17)%		
177. 001-2410-5532-000-00 Principal Svcs.- Postage	543	611	1,200	1,200	0	0 %		
178. 001-2410-5580-000-00 Principal Services-travel	0	183	0	0	0	---		
179. 001-2410-5610-000-00 Principal Services-office Supplies/petty	288	0	300	300	0	0 %		
180. 001-2410-5612-000-00 Petty Cash	224	144	0	0	0	---		
181. 001-2410-5641-000-00 Principal - Mag/Periodicals	0	12	120	120	0	0 %		
182. 001-2410-5810-000-00 Dues and Fees	195	0	705	705	0	0 %		
<b>TOTAL 2410 Principal Services</b>	<b>\$78,352</b>	<b>\$82,278</b>	<b>\$88,905</b>	<b>\$85,731</b>	<b>\$(3,174)</b>	<b>(4)%</b>		
<b>2420 Supp Svcs-Special Ed Coordination</b>								
183. 001-2420-5110-000-00 Support Svc. Staff-salaries	14,656	6,271	15,715	0	(15,715)	(100)%		
184. 001-2420-5210-000-00 Support Svc Staff-group Health Insurance	1,697	482	2,938	0	(2,938)	(100)%		
185. 001-2420-5220-000-00 Support Svc Staff- FICA	1,082	479	1,269	0	(1,269)	(100)%		
186. 001-2420-5230-000-00 Group Life Insurance	19	21	45	0	(45)	(100)%		
187. 001-2420-5240-000-00 Support Svc Staff- Retirement	392	54	382	0	(382)	(100)%		
188. 001-2420-5250-000-00 Support Svc. Staff-Workers Comp	142	33	82	0	(82)	(100)%		
189. 001-2420-5260-000-00 Support Svc. Staff-unemployment Comp.	56	41	66	0	(66)	(100)%		
190. 001-2420-5280-000-00 Support Svc Staff-group Dental Insurance	125	51	120	0	(120)	(100)%		
191. 001-2420-5281-000-00 Support Svc Staff-group Vision Insurance	39	10	38	0	(38)	(100)%		
192. 001-2420-5500-000-00 Support Svc Staff-office Support	205	70	150	0	(150)	(100)%		

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<b>TOTAL 2420 Supp Sys-Special Ed Coordination</b>	<b>\$18,413</b>	<b>\$7,512</b>	<b>\$20,805</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$(20,805)</b>	<b>(100)%</b>
<b>2520 Short Term Loans</b>						
193. 001-2520-5830-000-00 Fiscal Services-short Term Loans Interes	270	0	600	0	(600)	(100)%
<b>TOTAL 2520 Short Term Loans</b>	<b>\$270</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$600</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$(600)</b>	<b>(100)%</b>
<b>2600 Operation/Maintenance of Plant</b>						
194. 001-2600-5110-000-00 Operation/maint. Of Plant-salaries	25,527	27,211	28,440	23,238	(5,202)	(18)%
195. 001-2600-5112-000-00 Operation/maint. Of Plant-substitutes	448	230	0	0	0	---
196. 001-2600-5220-000-00 Operation/maint. Of Plant-fica	1,987	2,099	2,176	1,778	(398)	(18)%
197. 001-2600-5240-000-00 Oper/Maint of Plant- Retirement	1,021	1,088	1,138	0	(1,138)	(100)%
198. 001-2600-5250-000-00 Operation/maint. Of Plant-Workers Comp	1,025	309	148	121	(27)	(18)%
199. 001-2600-5260-000-00 Operation/maint. Of Plant-unemployment C	227	21	21	60	39	186 %
200. 001-2600-5330-000-00 Oper./Maint of Plant- Prof Non-Educ Svcs	0	175	0	0	0	---
201. 001-2600-5421-000-00 Operation/maint. Of Plant-garbage Collec	903	699	950	1,425	475	50 %
202. 001-2600-5424-000-00 Op/Maint of Plant- Lawn Service	1,905	1,782	1,500	1,500	0	0 %
203. 001-2600-5432-000-00 Operation/maint. Of Plant-building - Rep	1,307	5,197	6,000	6,000	0	0 %
204. 001-2600-5433-000-00 Oper/maint. Of Plant-Repairs/Maint	12,964	4,611	7,500	7,500	0	0 %
205. 001-2600-5436-000-00 Service Contracts	4,286	3,907	3,854	4,000	146	4 %
206. 001-2600-5610-000-00 Oper/maint. Of Plant-Custodial Supplies	3,055	3,852	2,700	3,500	800	30 %
207. 001-2600-5620-000-00 Operation/maint. Of Plant-Energy Service	22,093	25,556	28,584	26,347	(2,237)	(8)%
208. 001-2600-5622-000-00 Operation/maint. Of Plant-Electricity	18,973	17,817	19,239	18,441	(798)	(4)%
209. 001-2600-5623-000-00 Oper/maint Of Plant-Propane	504	417	600	600	0	0 %
210. 001-2600-5624-000-00 Water	7,300	7,550	6,286	6,432	146	2 %
211. 001-2600-5730-000-00 Operation/Maint of Plant- Equipment	799	138	0	0	0	---
<b>TOTAL 2600 Operation/Maintenance of Plant</b>	<b>\$104,324</b>	<b>\$102,659</b>	<b>\$109,136</b>	<b>\$100,942</b>	<b>\$(8,194)</b>	<b>(8)%</b>
<b>2700 Transportation Services</b>						
212. 001-2700-5519-000-00 Vehicle Operation Services-contracted Sv	50,250	46,184	45,784	48,260	2,476	5 %
<b>TOTAL 2700 Transportation Services</b>	<b>\$50,250</b>	<b>\$46,184</b>	<b>\$45,784</b>	<b>\$48,260</b>	<b>\$2,476</b>	<b>5 %</b>

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<b>5100 Short Term Notes/Proceeds Sale of Bonds</b>						
213. 001-5100-5830-000-00 Bond Interest Expense	1,049	674	337	0	(337)	(100)%
214. 001-5100-5910-000-00 Bond Principal Payment	15,000	15,000	15,000	0	(15,000)	(100)%
<b>TOTAL 5100 Short Term Notes/Proceeds Sale of Bonds</b>	<b>\$16,049</b>	<b>\$15,674</b>	<b>\$15,337</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$(15,337)</b>	<b>(100)%</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,574,409</b>	<b>\$1,627,552</b>	<b>\$1,694,999</b>	<b>\$1,609,866</b>	<b>\$(85,133)</b>	<b>(5)%</b>



# *Grand Isle Supervisory Union*

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Greetings,

I am proud to report on the progress of the schools throughout Grand Isle County.

The Supervisory Union provides educational and administrative leadership and support to each of the five schools located within the county. The staff of Grand Isle Supervisory Union is honored to partner with your school to provide students with a high quality education. The following pages provide information regarding enrollment, student performance, notable achievements and initiatives as well as the budget proposal for the FY15 school year.

Over the past year, our five districts have experienced change in leadership with three new principals in each of the towns of South Hero, Grand Isle and Alburgh. As a group, your principals and central office personnel bring relevant experience and energy to address the challenges facing education in today's world.

Your faculty and staff have been focused upon school improvement initiatives that examine student performance on a wide range of indicators. This work enables us to celebrate successes and plan for continuous improvement. Teams of teachers actively examine and discuss the relationship between effective instruction and increased learning outcomes.

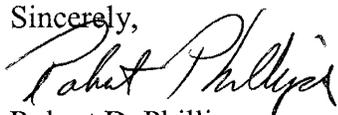
As Vermont schools prepare for implementation of the Common Core State Standards and the new Smarter Balanced Assessment, our Curriculum Coordinator has been working closely with faculty from all schools in the areas of Literacy, Math, and Science. These teacher teams have dedicated numerous hours to align curriculum with the "Common Core" while assisting and learning from each other.

The schools of the Grand Isle Supervisory Union have been selected to participate in technical assistance from the University of Kansas based SWIFT program. SWIFT or the School Wide Integrated Framework for Transformation is intended to "positively transform learning outcomes for all students." GISU is one of four districts within the state of Vermont that will benefit from SWIFT technical assistance.

Each of your school boards have been focused upon policy revision, budget development and contract negotiations in the past year. In addition to developing and adopting a number of new policies, your boards and administrators have been consumed with extensive budget deliberations over the past two months. As you review the budget proposals within, please note that your local board has worked to contain spending within the local portion of your school budget.

As you review the enclosed materials, I invite you to discuss your concerns with your board and school administrators.

Sincerely,



Robert D. Phillips  
Superintendent of Schools

## GRAND ISLE SUPERVISORY UNION

### K – 8 Student Enrollment 2013 – 2014

	Alburgh	Grand Isle	Isle LaMotte	North Hero	South Hero	Totals
Preschool	23	19*	8	10	15*	75
Kindergarten	22	15	5	9	14	65
Grade 1	18	11	6	10	14	59
Grade 2	16	25	2	4	9	56
Grade 3	27	25	5	3	14	74
Grade 4	25	24	1	8	9	67
Grade 5	19	25	2	7	13	66
Grade 6	15	18	3	2	17	55
Grade 7	26	22	-	-	10	58
Grade 8	21	23	-	-	14	58
Totals	212	207	32	53	129	633

\*Pre-School students served off-site included in budget

### Secondary Enrollment 2013 – 2014

	Alburgh	Grand Isle	Isle La Motte	North Hero	South Hero	Totals
Grade 7	-	-	5	6	-	11
Grade 8	-	-	2	7	-	9
Grade 9	31	20	8	11	15	85
Grade 10	21	24	5	10	17	77
Grade 11	23	26	4	9	20	82
Grade 12	18	21	1	5	17	62
Totals	93	91	25	48	69	326

**SPECIAL EDUCATION IN GRAND ISLE SUPERVISORY UNION  
TOWN REPORTS 2013**

**BETH HEMINGWAY-DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES**

We receive state and federal funding to support local school districts in providing a Free Appropriate Education to students with special education needs ages 3-21. Vermont's Education System uses a reimbursement system to support local school districts. This reimbursement system works in a three-pronged formula, with a mainstream block grant, extraordinary cost reimbursement system, and actual special education expenditures reimbursement. The mainstream block grant is a predictable amount for each town; it is based on the number of students in each school district and is computed on state average for special education salaries. The state pays 60% of the cost and the school district must expend or match the remaining 40% of the cost. Extraordinary reimbursement is designed to protect districts from completely absorbing the burden of appropriate high cost educational programs for individual students. Once an educational program reaches a threshold of \$50,000, the state will reimburse the district 90% of the additional cost. The actual expenditures reimbursement reimburses town school district for eligible special education expenditures not covered by federal funds, state block grants and local school district's match, and extraordinary reimbursement. It applies the reimbursement rate to the remaining funds. The same rate applies to each town, and the reimbursement rate is adjusted annually to assure the state's share across all sections of the formula is as close to 60% as possible. In FY13 the reimbursement rate was 56.5%.

In addition to state funds that contribute to the cost of providing special education programs, we receive federal funds (IDEIA-B). The rules for governing IDEIA-B requires that towns have a maintenance of effort, which means that federal funds must be used to supplement the provision of services, not supplant local taxpayer's dollars. We are using these funds for staffing, psychological and educational testing, occupational therapy, physical therapy, manipulatives, and summer programming. These services are required per each student's Individualized Education Plan and are evaluated annually.

Under Act 153, Special Education will be centralized through each Supervisory Union with one contract. This will allow for educational specialists to be shared among schools as well as other resources. This should be a benefit in each of our small school districts. The Agency of Education will continue to provide supervisory unions guidance, as the transition gets closer.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES AVAILABLE**

The Grand Isle Supervisory Union assures that all school-aged children who are disabled regardless of the severity of their disability(ies) and qualify for special education shall be entitled to a Free Appropriate Public Education.

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Expenditure Budget - GISU - FY 2015

1 Allocation sheet - there is a positive change for the towns; the assessment decreased because of an increase in EEE revenue allocation shown below, line 45.

Approved by  
GISU Board on:  
January 8, 2014

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General Fund Budget/Allocation

7	Operations Assessment	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	Increase/(Decrease)	
9	101-1931-4000-000-00 Assessments - LEAs	\$570,527	\$657,738	\$686,056	\$717,974	\$31,918	
11				Albu T003T0 Grand Isle 24		299.50	
12				Grat T084T0 Grand Isle 24		308.83	
13				Isle T103T1 Grand Isle 24		58.66	
14				North T143T1 Grand Isle 24		97.66	
14				So. H T192T1 Grand Isle 24		195.97	
15	Average Daily Membership ratios	Based on Frozen ADM (Two year rolling average.)					
16		South Hero	Grand Isle	North Hero	Isle La Motte	Alburgh	Total
18	FY 15 ADM	196.97	308.83	97.66	58.66	299.50	960.62
19	FY 14	202.48	312.44	98.10	63.09	293.95	970.06
20	FY 13	223.05	316.05	104.19	66.14	303.72	1,013.15
21	FY 12	221.84	321.94	106.14	62.08	310.59	1,022.59
22	FY 11	228.12	312.02	105.76	64.41	306.16	1,016.47
23	FY 10	242.88	324.98	110.19	69.75	332.84	1,080.64
24	FY 09	252.15	317.86	108.21	67.59	336.13	1,081.94
25	FY 08	261.19	320.96	107.24	63.60	341.64	1,094.63
27	FY 15 Allocation %	20.40%	32.15%	10.17%	6.11%	31.18%	100.00%
28	FY 14	20.87%	32.21%	10.11%	6.50%	30.00%	100.00%
29	FY 13	22.02%	31.19%	10.28%	6.53%	29.98%	100.00%
30	FY 12	21.69%	31.48%	10.38%	6.07%	30.37%	100.00%
31	FY 11	22.44%	30.70%	10.40%	6.34%	30.12%	100.00%
32	FY 10	22.48%	30.07%	10.20%	6.45%	30.80%	100.00%
33	FY 09	23.31%	29.38%	10.00%	6.25%	31.07%	100.00%
34	FY 08	23.86%	29.32%	9.80%	5.81%	31.21%	100.00%
35	FY 07	24.08%	27.55%	9.60%	5.69%	33.08%	100.00%
36	FY 06	25.52%	27.15%	9.24%	6.13%	31.96%	100.00%
37	FY 05	25.59%	27.18%	8.79%	6.54%	31.90%	100.00%
38	FY 04	25.65%	26.51%	9.54%	6.87%	31.44%	100.00%
39	FY 03	26.49%	26.46%	10.15%	7.14%	29.76%	100.00%
41	FY15 Operations Assessment	\$146,469	\$230,822	\$72,992	\$43,843	\$223,848	\$717,974
42	Adding Function 2420	\$52,607	\$82,904	\$26,216	\$15,747	\$80,399	\$257,873
43	Adding: (a portion of) Function 1201	\$13,135	\$20,927	\$6,827	\$4,081	\$0	\$44,970
44	Subtracting: SU Consolidation Revenue	\$29,749	\$46,882	\$14,825	\$8,905	\$45,466	\$145,827
44	Subtracting EEE (1201) Revenue	\$11,339	\$20,927	\$5,693	\$2,736	\$0	\$40,695
45	Subtracting: Private Funds NH Prepaid Fiber Optic Maint			\$793			\$793
46	FY15 Allocation to Line Item 2320-5331	\$171,123	\$266,843	\$84,724	\$52,030	\$258,782	\$833,502
48	SU Operations FY 15 to FY 14 Increase	\$3,269	\$9,855	\$4,402	(\$776)	\$15,958	\$31,915
50	Plus Consolidation Assessment	\$65,742	\$103,830	\$33,043	\$19,828	\$80,399	\$302,843
51	Total Increase less Offsetting Revenues	\$27,923	\$45,876	\$16,134	\$7,411	\$50,892	\$302,843
55	FY 15 Allocation to Line Item 2320-5331	\$171,123	\$266,843	\$84,724	\$52,030	\$258,782	\$833,502
57	FY 14	\$143,200	\$220,967	\$68,590	\$44,619	\$207,890	\$685,266
58	FY 13	\$144,804	\$205,180	\$65,840	\$42,938	\$197,175	\$655,937
59	FY 12	\$123,770	\$179,618	\$57,418	\$34,636	\$173,285	\$568,727
60	FY 11	\$131,355	\$179,666	\$59,098	\$37,088	\$176,292	\$583,501
61	FY 10	\$126,013	\$168,609	\$55,370	\$36,188	\$172,687	\$558,867
62	FY 09	\$120,402	\$151,779	\$49,870	\$32,274	\$160,503	\$514,828
63	FY 08	\$111,427	\$136,925	\$43,950	\$27,133	\$145,747	\$465,182
64	FY 07	\$113,151	\$129,495	\$43,320	\$26,734	\$155,492	\$468,192
65	FY 06	\$111,850	\$118,984	\$38,693	\$26,842	\$140,042	\$436,411
66	FY 05	\$104,976	\$111,514	\$34,252	\$26,811	\$130,876	\$408,429
67	FY 04	\$100,102	\$103,453	\$37,215	\$26,798	\$122,674	\$390,242
68	FY 03	\$101,281	\$101,146	\$36,999	\$27,293	\$113,761	\$380,460
70	Increase/ (Decrease) in Town	\$27,923	\$45,876	\$16,134	\$7,411	\$50,892	\$148,236
71	Allocation FY 14 to FY 15	19.28%	22.36%	24.50%	17.26%	25.81%	22.60%

Revenues Budget Local and Grants- GISU - FY 2015

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Assessment	FY 2012 Actual	FY 2013 Actual	FY 2014 Budget	FY 2015 Budget Proposed	Budget Increase Amount	Budget Increase Percent
<b>101 General Fund</b>						
101-1510-4000-000-00 Interest Earnings	\$395.94	\$274.00	\$400	\$270	(\$130)	-32.50%
101-1990-4000-000-00 Misc. Other Local	\$0.00	\$1,175.90	\$0	\$0	\$0	
101-1991-4000-000-00 Erate Income	\$18,500.00	\$18,500.00	\$12,850	\$12,850	\$0	0.00%
324-3202-4000-000-00 Special Ed Reimbursement to SU						
101-5900-4000-000-00 Indirect Cost Reimb from Fed Grants	\$28,000.00	\$28,000.00	\$28,000	\$25,000	(\$3,000)	-10.71%
Balance Brought Forward	\$24,167.00	\$30,908.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	
101-1931-4000-000-00 Assessments - LEAs	<b>\$558,156</b>	<b>\$656,788</b>	<b>\$686,056</b>	<b>\$717,974</b>	\$31,918	4.65%
<b>TOTAL 101 General Fund</b>	<b>\$641,594.00</b>	<b>\$735,645.85</b>	<b>\$727,306</b>	<b>\$756,094</b>	<b>\$28,788</b>	<b>3.96%</b>
<b>Expenditure Budget</b>	<b>\$629,219</b>	<b>\$735,646</b>	<b>\$727,306</b>	<b>\$756,094</b>	<b>\$28,788</b>	<b>3.96%</b>

Grants and Reimbursements	FY 2012 Actual	FY 2013 Actual	FY 2014 Budget	FY 2015 Budget WIP Column	Budget amounts for grants and reimbursements amounts are unknown at this time.
<b>TOTAL 102 Local Shared (Transfers and Reimbursements)</b>	-	1,466.05	-	-	
<b>TOTAL 103 Distance Learning-Technology-Base ment</b>	10.59	-	-	-	
<b>TOTAL 201 Misc Pass Through Grants</b>	41,327.87	6,030.00	6,030.00	\$5,970	Most often we learn the amounts for the current year later in the year.
<b>TOTAL 202 Grand Isle County Clean Team</b>	-	-	-	-	
<b>TOTAL 301 Title I</b>	422,995.82	369,260.55	368,880.50	\$366,193	
<b>TOTAL 302 Title IIA</b>	128,585.97	115,347.06	107,830.12	\$106,752	
<b>TOTAL 303 Title IID (carryover)</b>	1,260.43	-	-	-	
<b>TOTAL 304 Title IV Drug Free</b>	-	-	-	-	
<b>TOTAL 308 ARRA Title I Funds (carryover)</b>	3,659.66	-	-	-	
<b>TOTAL 309 ARRA Title IID (carryover)</b>	805.43	-	-	-	
<b>TOTAL 318 IDEA B Preschool ARRA</b>	-	-	-	-	
<b>TOTAL 319 IDEA B ARRA Funds</b>	1,458.19	-	-	-	
<b>TOTAL 320 IDEA B</b>	264,320.65	250,209.46	258,554.78	258,554.78	
<b>TOTAL 321 IDEA B Preschool</b>	13,381.97	12,862.64	12,474.73	11,800.00	
<b>TOTAL 322 EEE</b>	-	189.15	189.15	30,872.50	
<b>TOTAL 323 EEI</b>	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	
<b>TOTAL 324 Special Ed</b>	191,412.52	164,193.35	164,193.35	12,193.35	Less 152K per Special Ed Consolidation on Allocation
<b>TOTAL 325 Migrant</b>	848.30	-	-	-	
<b>TOTAL 326 BEST</b>	4,082.12	4,120.51	-	-	
<b>TOTAL 327 EPSDT</b>	23,697.79	11,444.13	11,444.13	\$10,300	
<b>TOTAL 328 LSB</b>	803.04	800.00	800.00	-	
<b>TOTAL 329 Medicaid</b>	127,685.67	81,715.42	61,286.57	\$61,000	
<b>TOTAL 331 Tobacco Use Prevention</b>	9,769.23	8,999.23	9,000.00	\$8,100	
<b>TOTAL 332 SAP</b>	-	-	13,333.00	\$12,000	
<b>TOTAL 333 Alburgh School Impr Grant (formerly AYP)</b>	19,540.00	-	-	-	
<b>TOTAL 334 21st Century Schools</b>	314,511.20	334,332.10	296,156.00	\$293,195	
<b>TOTAL 338 Fresh Fruit &amp; Veggie</b>	18,300.00	14,013.32	17,625.00	\$17,449	
<b>TOTAL 340 SBSAP</b>	-	39,973.00	39,000.00	\$39,000	
<b>TOTAL 501 School Lunch Program - GI &amp; NH</b>	110,003.29	41,188.58	43,000.00	\$43,000	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>1,718,459.74</b>	<b>1,476,144.55</b>	<b>\$1,429,797</b>	<b>\$1,296,379</b>	

Expenditure Budget - GISU - FY 2015

1	Account Number / Description	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	Budget to	Budget
2		Actual	Actual	Budget	Budget	Increase	Increase
3	1/7/2014				Proposed	Amount	Percent
4	001 General Fund	D	E	F	G	H	I
6	<b>1201 Essential Early Education</b>						
7	001-1201-5110-000-00 Eee-salaries	0.00	0.00	\$0	\$41,616	\$41,616	100.00%
8	001-1201-5112-000-00 Eee-substitutes	0.00	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	100.00%
9	001-1201-5115-000-00 Eee-aides Salaries	0.00	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	100.00%
10	<b>Salaries/Stipends and Wages</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$41,616</b>	<b>\$41,616</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
12	001-1201-5210-000-00 Eee-group Health Insurance	0.00	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	100.00%
13	001-1201-5220-000-00 Eee-fica	0.00	0.00	\$0	\$1,061	\$1,061	100.00%
14	001-1201-5240-000-00 EEE Retirement	0.00	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	100.00%
15	001-1201-5250-000-00 Eee-workman's Comp.	0.00	0.00	\$0	\$72	\$72	100.00%
16	001-1201-5260-000-00 Eee-unemployment Comp.	0.00	0.00	\$0	\$266	\$266	100.00%
17	001-1201-5270-000-00 Eee-course Reimbursement	0.00	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	100.00%
18	001-1201-5280-000-00 Eee-group Dental Insurance	0.00	0.00	\$0	\$1,854	\$1,854	100.00%
19	001-1201-5281-000-00 Eee-group Vision Insurance	0.00	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	100.00%
20	001-1201-5290-000-00 Eee-professional Development	0.00	0.00	\$0	\$100	\$100	100.00%
21	<b>Employee Benefits</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$3,354</b>	<b>\$3,354</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
22	<b>TOTAL 1201 Essential Early Education</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$44,970</b>	<b>\$44,970</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
24	<b>2212 Curriculum Development</b>						
25	101-2212-5110-000-00 Curriculum Coordinator	0.00	\$14,603.40	\$15,041	\$23,239	\$8,198	54.50%
26	101-2212-5120-000-00 Paid hours for Staff training	0.00	\$0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	
27	<b>Salaries/Stipends and Wages</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>14,603.40</b>	<b>\$15,041</b>	<b>\$23,239</b>	<b>\$8,198</b>	<b>54.50%</b>
29	101-2212-5210-000-00 Curric Health	0.00	0.00	\$0	\$3,804	\$3,804	100.00%
30	101-2212-5220-000-00 FICA/Med	264.00	1,117.16	\$1,151	\$1,778	\$627	54.50%
31	101-2212-5270-000-00 Curr Dev - Tuition/Prof Dev/Training	440.00	2,200.40	\$2,200	\$2,200	\$0	
32	101-2212-5290-000-00 Curric. Devel. - In service expenses	66.55	40.00	\$0	\$2,200	\$2,200	
33	<b>Employee Benefits</b>	<b>770.55</b>	<b>3,357.56</b>	<b>\$3,351</b>	<b>\$8,862</b>	<b>\$6,631</b>	<b>197.91%</b>
35	101-2212-5320-000-00 Curr Dev-Staff Training	0.00	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
36	101-2212-5400-000-00 Curriculum Ctr Rent	6,000.00	6,000.00	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$0	0.00%
37	101-2212-5441-000-00 Curriculum Ctr Office Retrofit	0.00	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
38	101-2212-5530-000-00 Curriculum phone and internet	1,261.99	1,313.06	\$1,317	\$1,317	\$0	0.00%
39	101-2212-5580-000-00 Curr Coord Travel	2,673.35	2,315.68	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0	0.00%
40	101-2212-5610-000-00 Curric. Devel. - Supplies	731.86	210.19	\$350	\$350	\$0	0.00%
41	101-2212-5611-000-00 Curriculum - Achievement/Scoring	0.00	0.00	\$650	\$650	\$0	0.00%
42	101-2212-5640-000-00 Curr Coordinator - Books	0.00	0.00	\$300	\$300	\$0	0.00%
43	101-2212-5641-000-00 Curriculum - Reference Materials	0.00	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
44	101-2212-5730-000-00 Curriculum - Equipment/Software	27.99	1,139.99	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0	0.00%
45	101-2212-5810-000-00 Curr Coord - Dues/Fees/Subscriptions	4,864.00	0.00	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0	0.00%
46	<b>Non-Personnel Costs</b>	<b>15,559.19</b>	<b>10,978.92</b>	<b>\$15,117</b>	<b>\$15,117</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
47	<b>TOTAL 2212 Curriculum Development</b>	<b>16,329.74</b>	<b>\$28,939.88</b>	<b>\$33,509</b>	<b>\$48,338</b>	<b>\$14,829</b>	<b>44.25%</b>
49	<b>2321 GISU Operations</b>						
50	101-2321-5110-000-00 Gisu Assessment-salary	251,828.67	272,561.06	\$263,530	\$277,464	\$13,933	5.29%
51	<b>Salaries/Stipends and Wages</b>	<b>251,828.67</b>	<b>272,561.06</b>	<b>\$263,530</b>	<b>\$277,464</b>	<b>\$13,933</b>	<b>5.29%</b>
53	101-2321-5210-000-00 Gisu Assessment-health	50,279.36	\$57,518.79	\$69,449	\$68,442	(\$1,007)	-1.45%
54	101-2321-5220-000-00 Gisu Assessment-fica	18,512.89	\$20,160.11	\$20,160	\$21,226	\$1,066	5.29%
55	101-2321-5230-000-00 GISU Assessment - Life	543.24	\$762.44	\$731	\$743	\$12	1.65%
56	101-2321-5240-000-00 Gisu Assessment-employee Retirement	3,386.75	\$5,858.87	\$5,942	\$6,419	\$477	8.03%
57	101-2321-5250-000-00 Workers Comp - GISU employees	-2.70	\$485.00	\$1,370	\$1,831	\$461	33.63%
58	101-2321-5260-000-00 Gisu Assessment-unemployment Comp	922.56	\$1,427.60	\$1,425	\$1,529	\$105	7.35%
59	101-2321-5270-000-00 Gisu Assessment-tuition/courses	0.00	\$9,507.80	\$1,627	\$3,000	\$1,373	84.43%
60	101-2321-5280-000-00 Gisu Assessment-dental	3,192.85	\$4,123.78	\$4,975	\$5,334	\$359	7.21%
61	101-2321-5281-000-00 Gisu Assessment-vision	1,038.70	\$1,201.64	\$1,336	\$1,433	\$97	7.27%
62	101-2321-5290-000-00 Assessment - Admin Retreat/Trainings	455.28	\$2,154.76	\$2,401	\$2,700	\$299	12.45%
63	<b>Employee Benefits</b>	<b>78,328.93</b>	<b>103,200.79</b>	<b>\$109,414</b>	<b>\$112,687</b>	<b>\$3,242</b>	<b>2.96%</b>
65	101-2321-5320-000-00 Purch Svcs/Supt. Contract	0.00	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	
66	101-2321-5330-000-00 Gisu Assessment-consultant Svcs.other Pr	3,731.25	783.04	\$6,000	\$10,000	\$4,000	66.67%
67	101-2321-5360-000-00 Gisu Assessment-legal Fees	220.00	4,375.50	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000	100.00%
68	101-2321-5370-000-00 Gisu Assessment-audit	5,300.00	5,300.00	\$4,600	\$5,300	\$700	15.22%
69	101-2321-5400-000-00 Building Maintenance	1,176.18	3,348.43	\$500	\$1,036	\$536	107.20%
70	101-2321-5421-000-00 Gisu Assessment-trash Removal/landfill F	1,670.90	1,069.15	\$1,030	\$1,108	\$78	7.57%
71	101-2321-5422-000-00 Snow plowing/lawn/gen maintenance	186.68	\$427.64	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	0.00%
72	101-2321-5423-000-00 Gisu Assessment-custodial Services/suppl	1,805.00	\$1,620.00	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0	0.00%
73	101-2321-5430-000-00 Contracted Svcs. (other)	14,514.20	\$15,490.89	\$14,514	\$15,500	\$986	6.79%
74	101-2321-5433-000-00 Gisu Assessment-Copier Svcs	3,179.19	\$3,727.40	\$3,315	\$3,439	\$124	3.74%
75	101-2321-5441-000-00 Gisu Assessment-rent	10,200.00	\$10,200.00	\$10,800	\$10,800	\$0	0.00%

Expenditure Budget - GISU - FY 2015

76	101-2321-5520-000-00	Gisu Assessment-liability/fire Ins/wc/bo	32,961.00	\$37,423.00	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$0	0.00%
77	101-2321-5530-000-00	Gisu Assessment-telephone	7,843.07	\$6,992.51	\$7,200	\$7,200	\$0	0.00%
78	101-2321-5580-000-00	Gisu Assessment-Travel/Meals/Entertain	3,398.00	\$7,392.02	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$0	0.00%
79	101-2321-5610-000-00	Gisu Assessment-district Office Expense	9,112.94	\$9,283.62	\$7,500	\$9,300	\$1,800	24.00%
80	101-2321-5622-000-00	Gisu Assessment-electricity	3,413.24	\$3,212.24	\$3,800	\$3,324	(\$476)	-12.53%
81	101-2321-5624-000-00	Gisu Assessment-fuel Oil	1,219.69	\$2,074.95	\$1,670	\$2,100	\$430	25.75%
82	101-2321-5640-000-00	Gisu Assessment-professional Books	603.00	\$985.95	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000	100.00%
83	101-2321-5670-000-00	Software	0.00	\$3,294.00	\$300	\$300	\$0	0.00%
84	101-2321-5733-000-00	District Office Furniture	0.00	\$159.00	\$500	\$500	\$0	0.00%
85	101-2321-5734-000-00	Computer Equipment	1,444.20	\$49.90	\$1,500	\$1,000	(\$500)	-33.33%
86	101-2321-5739-000-00	Assessment - Curr Ctr Upgrade	0.00	\$0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
87	101-2321-5810-000-00	Gisu Assessment-prof. Meetings/dues	8,261.83	\$8,267.32	\$8,300	\$8,300	\$0	0.00%
88	101-2321-5899-000-00	Penalties/Fees	0.00	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
89		<b>Non-Personnel Costs</b>	<b>110,240.37</b>	<b>125,476.56</b>	<b>\$117,029</b>	<b>\$127,707</b>	<b>\$10,678</b>	<b>9.12%</b>
90		<b>TOTAL 2321 GISU Operations</b>	<b>440,397.97</b>	<b>\$501,238.41</b>	<b>\$512,153.00</b>	<b>\$517,627</b>	<b>\$5,674</b>	<b>1.11%</b>
91								
92		<b>2350 Technology</b>						
93	101-2350-5110-000-00	Technology Salaries	50,660.00	51,296.00	\$50,620	\$52,139	\$1,519	3.00%
94		<b>Salaries/Stipends and Wages</b>	<b>50,660.00</b>	<b>51,296.00</b>	<b>\$50,620</b>	<b>\$52,139</b>	<b>\$1,519</b>	<b>3.00%</b>
95								
96	101-2350-5220-000-00	Technology FICA	3,875.68	\$3,924.10	\$3,872	\$3,989	\$116	3.00%
97	101-2350-5230-000-00	Technology Life Insurance	92.40	\$100.80	\$101	\$101	\$0	0.00%
98	101-2350-5240-000-00	Tech Svc - Employee Retirement	1,946.36	\$1,965.85	\$2,025	\$2,086	\$61	3.00%
99	101-2350-5250-000-00	Technology Workers Comp	0.00	\$0.00	\$263	\$344	\$81	30.73%
100	101-2350-5260-000-00	Technology Unemployment	69.00	\$285.60	\$286	\$310	\$24	0.00%
101		<b>Employee Benefits</b>	<b>5,983.44</b>	<b>6,276.35</b>	<b>\$6,547</b>	<b>\$6,829</b>	<b>\$282</b>	<b>4.30%</b>
102								
103	101-2350-5320-000-00	Technology Consultants	79,508.78	70,000.00	\$80,000	\$87,500	\$7,500	0.00%
104	101-2350-5330-000-00	Technology Training	0.00	0.00	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0	0.00%
105	101-2350-5340-000-00	Technology - Svc Contr/Subscr Svc/Softw	11,303.90	20,453.50	\$10,694	\$11,605	\$911	8.52%
106	101-2350-5341-000-00	Technology Internet Access	6,267.10	7,054.85	\$6,234	\$5,805	(\$428)	0.00%
107	101-2350-5430-000-00	Technology Website Support	0.00	2,015.00	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0	0.00%
108	101-2350-5440-000-00	Fiber Optic Lease	8,690.40	8,309.82	\$7,800	\$7,800	\$0	0.00%
109	101-2350-5580-000-00	Technology Travel	269.84	0.00	\$750	\$500	(\$250)	-33.33%
110	101-2350-5610-000-00	Technology Supplies	0.00	0.00	\$0	\$750	\$750	0.00%
111	101-2350-5670-000-00	Technology Software	447.85	0.00	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0	0.00%
112	101-2350-5732-000-00	Phase II Network Upgrade	0.00	0.00	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0	0.00%
113	101-2350-5734-000-00	Technology Supplies/Hardware/Parts	9,360.24	38,460.17	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
114		<b>Non-Personnel Costs</b>	<b>115,848.11</b>	<b>146,293.34</b>	<b>\$122,478</b>	<b>\$130,961</b>	<b>\$8,483</b>	<b>6.93%</b>
115		<b>TOTAL 2350 Technology</b>	<b>172,491.55</b>	<b>\$203,865.69</b>	<b>\$181,644</b>	<b>\$189,928</b>	<b>\$8,285</b>	<b>4.56%</b>
116								
117		<b>2420 Supportive Services - Special Ed Coordi</b>						
118	001-2420-5110-000-00	Support Svc. Staff-salaries	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$160,358	74,475	-
119		<b>Salaries/Stipends and Wages</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$160,358</b>	<b>74,475</b>	<b>-</b>
120								
121	001-2420-5210-000-00	Support Svc Staff-All Benefits	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$32,157	18,754	-
122	001-2420-5220-000-00	Support Svc Staff- FICA	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,438	6,011	-
123	001-2420-5230-000-00	Group Life Ins	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$518	215	-
124	001-2420-5240-000-00	Support Svc Staff -Retirement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,862	1,705	-
125	001-2420-5250-000-00	Support Svc Staff-Workers Comp	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,284	387	-
126	001-2420-5260-000-00	Support Svc. Staff-unemployment Comp.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$867	311	-
127	001-2420-5280-000-00	Support Svc Staff-group Dental Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,854	311	-
128	001-2420-5281-000-00	Support Svc Staff-group Vision Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$559	311	-
129		<b>Employee Benefits</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$60,318</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>-</b>
130								
131	001-2420-5115-000-00	Support Svc Staff-office Support	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$31,197	-	-
132	001-2420-5580-000-00	Support Svc Staff-travel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000	-	-
133		<b>Non-Personnel Costs</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$37,197</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
134		<b>TOTAL 2420 Supportive Services - Special Ed Coordi</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$257,873</b>	<b>102,607</b>	<b>-</b>
135								
136		<b>5900 Transfers</b>						
137	101-5900-5990-000-00	Transfers to Other Funds	0.00	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
138		<b>Non-Personnel Costs</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
139		<b>TOTAL 5900 Transfers</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
140								
141		<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$629,219</b>	<b>\$734,044</b>	<b>\$727,305</b>	<b>\$1,058,836</b>	<b>\$331,631</b>	<b>45.60%</b>
142		<b>SU Assessment Total</b>	<b>629,219</b>	<b>734,044</b>	<b>727,305</b>	<b>\$756,094</b>	<b>\$28,788</b>	<b>3.96%</b>
143		<b>SU Consolidation Effort Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$302,843</b>	<b>\$302,843</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
144		Major changes:						
144	1	Pro-ration for the Curriculum Coordinator FTE has changed pending a decreased grant amount for FY 2015			\$22,000			
145	2	Medicaid decreased by 25%, offsetting office salary by adjusting the FTE to 35-65% ratio	\$	9,000.00				
146	3	Increased all staff salaries by 3% (unless otherwise locked into a multi-year contract)	\$	8,000.00				
147	4	Other cost drivers are related benefits and tax liabilities.	\$	38,000				
148	5	2420 Support Service Staff into SU	\$	269,000.00				
149	6	1201 Function moving into SU	\$	32,000.00				
						<b>SU Personnel</b>	<b>\$352,841</b>	
						<b>SU Benefits</b>	<b>\$129,467</b>	
						<b>Non-Personnel</b>	<b>\$273,785</b>	
						<b>1201</b>	<b>\$44,970</b>	
						<b>2420</b>	<b>\$257,873</b>	
							<b>\$1,058,936</b>	



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INCIDENTS	NORTH HERO
911 Hangup	11
Agency Assist - Federal Agency	14
Agency Assist - State Agency	3
Agency Assist - Local Agency	10
Alarm / Property Check	38
Alcohol Offense	0
Animal Problem	0
Assault	0
ATV Incident	1
Burglary	1
Citizen Assist	49
Citizen Dispute	3
Court Order Violation	2
Crashes	17
Disorderly Conduct	1
Domestic Violation	3
Driving License Suspended - Criminal	3
Drug Violation	1
DUI	3
Fraud	5
Juvenile Problem	2
Littering Complaint	1
Lost / Found Property	2
Marine Incident	0
Missing Person	1
Motor Vehicle Complaint	12
Noise Disturbance	0
Possession/Recovery of Stolen Property	0
Sheriff K9	0
Search Warrant	0
Sex Offense	0
Sex Offender Registry	0
Suspicious Activity	20
Theft	9
Traffic Hazard	2
Trespass Complaint	4
Unlawful Mischief	5
Vandalism	5
VIN Inspection	14
Warrant Arrest	3
Welfare Check/Suicidal Circumstances	1
<b>Total Incidents</b>	<b>246</b>

**North Hero 12% of all County calls for service FY13**

TICKETS ISSUED IN NORTH HERO	# of Tickets Issued
<b>Violation Type</b>	
<b>Speed</b>	
1-10 over	0
11-14 over	4
15-20 over	21
21-25 over	6
26-30 over	1
31-35 over	0
36-40 over	0
41 & over	0
Child Restraint Violation	0
Failure to Use Seat Belts	4
Equipment Violation	2
License Suspended - Civil	3
No Inspection	1
Insurance Violation	2
No License	3
No Registration	3
Stop Signs / Flashing Signal	2
Junior Operator Driving Violation	0
Underage Alcohol Violation	1
Open Container Violation - Passenger	2
Motor Vehicle Operation Violation	0
Following too Close	1
Failure to Yield to Emergency Vehicle	0
Limitations on Passing	1
Plates Not Assigned to Vehicle	0
Littering	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>57</b>

**North Hero 7% of all tickets issued in FY13**

WRITTEN WARNINGS ISSUED IN NORTH HERO	# of Warnings
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>110</b>

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**Grand Isle County Sheriff  
Hourly Payroll Summary  
July 2012 through June 2013**

	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
701	2,047.50	
701 Overtime	35.75	
702	2,118.50	
702 Overtime	43.25	
703	542.25	
703 Overtime	1.00	
704	1,067.25	
704 Overtime	30.75	
705	2,585.75	
705 Overtime	61.75	
<b>Total Hours hours funded by towns</b>	<b>8,533.75</b>	<b>48%</b>
Byrne (Drug Interdiction)	71.50	
COPS	2,077.00	
Court Detail	2,479.00	
DUI	142.50	
Highway Safety	275.00	
Marine Procedures	228.50	
Spec Detail	738.75	
START	247.00	
Transport	114.50	
VT Special Investigations Unit	292.50	
<b>Total Hours not funded by towns</b>	<b>6,666.25</b>	<b>38%</b>
Training Wages	2,185.50	
Training Wages Overtime	16.50	
<b>Total Hours not funded by towns</b>	<b>2,202.00</b>	<b>12%</b>
Admin Support	29.50	
Holiday Paid	96.00	
Vacation	200.00	
<b>Total Hours overhead Dept expense</b>	<b>325.50</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>Total Hours Fiscal Year 2013</b>	<b>17,727.50</b>	<b>100%</b>

STATE OF VERMONT  
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VERMONT STATE POLICE

**St. Albans Barracks**  
Post Office Box 809  
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January 1, 2014

On behalf of the Vermont State Police, St. Albans Barracks, I am providing you the "2013" Vermont State Police St. Albans Barracks Annual Report for review. This report will provide you information in regards to current staffing, specialty services provided and our annual crime statistics. Please review this document and if appropriate, include this information in your town's annual report prior to town meeting day.  
**St. Albans Barracks Mission Statement**

***The mission of the Vermont State Police St. Albans Barracks is to protect the citizens of Franklin and Grand Isle Counties. Each Trooper will dedicate themselves to this community caretaking mission. We will reduce crime and enforce the laws of our roadways with a two pronged approach of intensive criminal interdiction along with an aggressive highway safety enforcement program.***

- ***Criminal interdiction and investigation – The St. Albans Barracks will make every attempt to interdict crime before it makes its way into our jurisdiction. We will accomplish this goal through an extensive intelligence network that will allow us to stay in touch with the communities that we serve and by sharing investigative information with our local, county, state and federal law enforcement partners. We will aggressively pursue those that distribute drugs to our citizens and we will pursue those that commit violent crimes in our area and will bring the weight of the Barracks to bear on these types of investigations.***
- ***Highway Safety Enforcement Programs – Through an aggressive motor vehicle enforcement program, our Troopers will seek out and arrest those individuals that choose to drink and drive on our highways. We will coordinate our efforts with other highway safety resources in an effort to target specific problem areas and make our presence known on the roadways. Along with this, our Troopers will take advantage of every motor vehicle contact to look beyond the traffic stop in an effort to identify criminal activity as it traverses our highways.***

**"Your Safety Is Our Business"**

## **Specialty Services Provided by the Troopers Assigned to the St. Albans Barracks**

**In addition to their field responsibilities, many of the Troopers assigned to the St. Albans Barracks are members of special response teams that provide expert response capabilities in a variety of areas. It should be noted that these duties are considered (additional duties) that fall above and beyond the Troopers daily activities. Many of these Troopers are on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week and are capable of responding anywhere in the state when their services are needed. The allocation of these resources is as follows:**

### **4– Troopers on the Tactical Services Unit (SWAT Team)**

**1 – Trooper on the SCUBA Team**

**1 – Trooper on the Search and Rescue Team**

**1 -- Trooper assigned a K-9**

**1-- Trooper on the Crash Reconstruction Team**

**3-- Troopers trained as Drug Recognition Experts**

**2-- Troopers on the Crime Scene Search Team**

**2 – Troopers on the Clandestine Laboratory Team**

## **Highway Safety Highlights**

**In keeping with the Field Force Mission Statement, it has been the intent of the Barracks during this last year to deter and prevent motor vehicle violations through aggressive motor vehicle enforcement and any opportunities to educate. Working with our county and local law enforcement partners and the State Police Traffic Safety Unit, we successfully reduced the number of property damage accidents this year from 178 in 2012 to 150 in 2013. Motor vehicle accidents with injury remained consistent, with 61 in both 2012 and 2013 . We have continued to be aggressive with road patrols, with 1393 tickets written and 3311 warnings issued in 2013. Finally, we were successful in arresting 125 impaired drivers in 2013, up from 88 in 2012.**

**Fatal motor vehicle accidents in 2013 totaled five in Franklin and Grand Isle Counties, which remained the same from 2012. We will continue to make an aggressive motor vehicle campaign a priority in the coming year.**

## **Annual Crime Statistics for St. Albans Barracks:**

<b>Total cases investigated:</b>	<b>5837</b>
<b>Total arrests:</b>	<b>540</b>
<b>Total tickets issued:</b>	<b>1393</b>
<b>Total warnings issued:</b>	<b>3311</b>
<b>Fatal Accidents Investigated:</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Burglaries Investigated:</b>	<b>97</b>
<b>DUI's</b>	<b>125</b>

## **Local Community Report: North Hero**

<b>Total Cases:</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>Total Arrests:</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>DUI's</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Accidents w/ Damage</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Accidents w/ Injury</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Vandalisms:</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Alarms</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Burglaries</b>	<b>0</b>

**Summary: We will continue our partnerships and cooperation with our local communities in our collective goals of making our highways and communities safe for all those who live in and visit Franklin and Grand Isle Counties. It has been a pleasure to serve and continue to serve the citizens of your community. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me.**

**Lt. John Flannigan  
Station Commander  
St. Albans Barracks**



July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013

Our past year has been extremely busy as we managed the nearly complete restoration of the North Hero Community Hall. The air conditioning was installed and the kitchen space was finished including floors, walls, lighting, painting, electrical and plumbing. The society is greatly appreciative for the many hours of donated time spent by Richard and Eileen Mitchell and Bob Greenough overseeing the hall and taking care of all the rentals and various events. Their generosity and service represent an enormous savings to the Society.

Rental agreements are in place for rental of the Community Hall. Grand Isle Supervisory Union and Island Arts rent office space yearly. Church services and Thai Chi classes are held on a regular basis. Two wedding receptions and a variety of performances and events took place during this year. Many reservations are already scheduled for the coming year and many inquiries have been made concerning availability. Contact Eileen Mitchell (372-4859) if you are interested in renting the hall for your special event. The summer weekends are filling up rapidly!

Walter Blasberg made a generous loan to the Society in 2010. A campaign was established to issue certificates (based on the original Community Hall certificates issued in 1930) for monthly payment donations. We continue to receive many donations to this campaign. To date, 44 months of payments have been donated and we have 15 monthly pledges. This response speaks loudly to the community support here in North Hero and beyond. In addition, we were able to apply for and receive more than \$25,000.00 in February from the Vermont Community Foundation. This fund was set up for the hall from the estate of Courtney Fisher. These funds may only be used for capital improvements and always requires a 50/50 match. We used this year's contribution to continue the kitchen renovation.

Our annual meeting was held at the home of Walter Blasberg. Walter contacted and arranged for Elliott Lothrop of Heritage Builders to come speak to us. Elliott has been working on the Homer Knight barn renovation having been hired by Ann August. He gave us information regarding the barns at Walter's home and other barns in the area. Throughout his presentation several attendees including two Dodds relatives shared stories of long ago that spoke of the time, people, and North Hero. We were thankful to Walter for bringing us back to our roots of hosting our annual meeting in someone's home and offering a mini program. At this meeting, we elected a slate of trustees for a three year term ending in 2016 and a slate of officers. Also, we recognized six members of the society that had passed away over the last year: Winston Way, Bob Busch, Dorothy Smith, Bill Bronk, Lloyd O'Brien and William Rasmussen. These members were all generous supporters of the Society and will be greatly missed.

Dwayne Cormier and his company, DC Energy Innovations were acknowledged as well. Over the last two years, Dwayne and his wife Pam have raised a significant amount of money for the Society through their dance programs. They have generously donated the proceeds to the Restoration Project. In addition, Dwayne has secured thousands of dollars in equipment for the Community Hall. He has been successful in purchasing theatre lighting complete with disco ball, sound, microphones, and many other items needed to make the Hall a more desirable venue. In addition, he has offered his own time for repairs and installation. We are very appreciative of their efforts.

The trustees had realized that that there was a need to get back to the business of preserving North Hero History. Our museum and our original focus in meetings, programming, publicity, field trips, artifacts acquisition and preservation had taken a back seat since the restoration of the Community Hall began in 2009. We are, however, very proud of the restoration project and how far we have come in a very short period of time. With that being said it has been the goal of the trustees and membership to get back to our original mission-preserving North Hero History-taking care of our museum and its artifacts, providing programming and having scheduled meetings so that others may participate and move forward in a continued good direction. We did maintain our efforts to have monthly business meetings throughout the past year and we are ready to offer two outstanding programs in the coming year.

We are very excited about our new website created by Andy Julow of Julow Computing in North Hero. We are already seeing the importance of having a web presence. We have had many inquiries regarding North Hero History. We thank Mary Jane Healy who answers so many of these requests. We have also seen an increase in inquiries about hall rental information. Please check it out as we are open to ideas and suggestions. It is a work in progress. Please visit: [www.northherohistoricalsociety.com](http://www.northherohistoricalsociety.com)

We are appreciative of the hosts that watch over the Hookenspoon each weekend throughout the summer. We would not be able to open on a regular basis if it were not for these hosts who generously give of their time. We thank Richard Mitchell and Butch Soule for all their efforts at the "Hookenspoon" to keep the grounds neat and tidy. We thank Happy Dattilio, Leslie Ward and Eileen Mitchell for helping with the garden maintenance at the museum and Jane Lendway and Anne Denher who coordinate planting efforts at the Community Hall.

Our museum is in a need of many repairs. We have written a grant to replace three roofs on the buildings at the museum. Competition for money these days is fierce and we will have to do this work even if we do not receive the grant. We thank Jane Lendway for her help submitting this lengthy application. We would like to express sincere thanks to our membership for their generous financial support during this year's membership drive. We rely on our memberships and donations as the major source of income to maintain our museum, *the Hookenspoon*, so every dollar is extremely appreciated.

We enjoy leading this group of such willing and active members. We are forever grateful for the overwhelming support and outpouring of time, service, and financial assistance for the Historical Society. Everyone is so generous. Please contact one of the officers or trustees if you are willing to help out in any way. We want everyone to be a part of preserving North Hero's history. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

*Eileen Mitchell*  
*Tracy Giroux*

Eileen Mitchell Co-President  
Tracy Giroux Co-President



***"The Hookenspoon"***

Home of the North Hero Historical Society museum

***"The North Hero Community Hall"***

Event Venue: North Hero Village

Northwest Vermont Solid Waste Management District  
Supervisor's Report

*The Northwest Solid Waste District's (NWSWD) mission is to provide for the efficient, economical, and environmentally-sound reduction, reuse, recycling, and finally disposal of solid waste. In 2013 the NWSWD worked hard to make our operations more convenient, consistent, and cost effective for District residents. Some of this year's highlights include:*

- **District operations recycled 139 tons more in 2013 than in 2012!**
- Served more households and increased the diversion of chemical waste through our permanent household hazardous waste collection site
- Increased the tonnage of recyclables processed at our Georgia Recycling Center by 30 tons
- Opened a permanent re-use facility at our Georgia Recycling Center
- In May we welcomed the Town of St. Albans as the newest District Municipality
- Worked with two new schools (Bakersfield and Fairfield) to begin composting their food scraps
- Creation of pilot recycling program for milk cartons at various local schools
- Continued investigation and enforcement of illegal dumping and burning of trash in the District

#### **NWSWD by the Numbers**

In the NWSWD, 6 District run recycling drop-off sites in Georgia, Montgomery, Bakersfield, Fletcher, St. Albans and North Hero, District run special events, 2 member town run sites (Alburgh and Grand-Isle), and mandatory curbside recycling by registered waste haulers allows easy access to recycling for all residents. Overall in 2013, after recycling, reuse and composting, the average District resident generated 3.55 pounds of waste per day, which is below the national average of 4.4 pounds per day! Way to go!

This year District operated sites and events disposed of 683 tons of trash and processed 768 tons of recyclables, setting the diversion rate for District Services at 53%. All of this effort meant that NWSWD residents and business recycled a grand total of more than 2,603 tons of material. Check out this list of what we were able to divert from landfills this year in Northwest VT:

- 41,064 pounds of Hazardous Waste
- 184 Freon containing appliances
- 159,600 pounds of scrap metal
- 1,696 propane tanks
- 6,544 pounds of batteries
- 2,040 tires
- 1,000 gallons of liquid latex paint
- 366,588 pounds of organic material
- 32,355 pounds of maple sap tubing
- 25,000+ pounds of clothing & goods reused
- 337 tons of household recyclables
- 144,463 pounds of electronics

As North Hero's representative on the District Board of Supervisors, I am available to discuss District activities with town residents. I can be reached through the District office at (802)524-5986. For more information about the District and our services, how to reduce and recycle your waste, or how to get involved call District staff at the above number or come visit at 158 Morse Drive in Georgia (we even give tours of our Recycling Center.) You can also visit us on the web at [www.nwswd.org](http://www.nwswd.org), find us on Facebook, or sign-up for our e-mail updates. More information can also be found in our Annual Report and Newsletter available at your Town Meeting.

David Jacobs

## NORTH HERO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

The Auxiliary was formed many years ago to support the fire department in any way they could and it has evolved and changed over the years. Our main mission, which is to provide assistance, has not changed, but the ways we accomplish this is to raise money through our fundraisers. We then help by paying for equipment and training required by all departments now, in order to be qualified. We have many well-trained personnel that have availed themselves of the training opportunities because we reimburse them for their expenses. We also encourage them to give us a list, with their best cost estimate, of their upcoming requirements. This helps us be prepared to accommodate their wishes, or not, depending on how well our fundraisers meet these expenses. We encourage new members to complete necessary criteria in order to receive incentive jackets with their names and the fire department emblem on them. This is verified by the chief and is a nice reward for their commitment. This year three new members received jackets and the department received nearly \$4,000.00 to help them pay for their gear and miscellaneous items. The support of the community is so necessary to keep the department viable and the best and safest one we can provide. We thank you for your generosity and want you to keep in mind the following events and dates that will be coming up this year to continue to help us in this endeavor.

### Dates for 2014 Fund Raisers are:

**CALENDAR SALES:** Our calendars list community events, meetings, birthdays and anniversaries. We are supported by our local businesses that buy ads and from sales to people in the community. If you have not been contacted before and would like to purchase a calendar please contact Jeanine @ 372-4237. The calendars start in June and go to the following June so you can call now and still get you items listed. We need your order by mid March.

**ANNUAL FLEA MARKET:** This is our biggest fundraiser and will be at Camp Ingalls again this year. We want you to save these dates. **Saturday June 21<sup>st</sup> 9 – 4 and Sunday June 22<sup>nd</sup> 10 – 2.** We want everyone to mark your calendars, which we encourage you to order right now, so you will be aware of this important event.

**CHRISTMAS TREE SALES:** Thank you to all of you who purchased our trees again this year. We sincerely thank Hero's Welcome and Harborside Harvest Market, both conveniently located on Route 2, for their help selling the trees for us and we hope you helped them by purchasing other items.

We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month and would like to invite anyone interested in joining us to call Jeanine @ 372-4237. We are a diverse group of all ages which is the problem. Some of us have been doing this for 20 or more years and need to have some new people to help us continue. The core group is pretty thin in the winter because a lot of people go south this time of year. Luckily most of the heavy lifting is done in the summer. We want to stress that any commitment is helpful. We have many people that help even if they aren't "members" delivering calendars, helping with the flea market, and baking pies for the Roast Beef dinners. You are not required to be a member or even a North Hero resident to offer your services. If you think you'd like to learn more about what is involved to lend a hand, there's no obligation, so please feel free to call.

Merry Mashtare	Colleen Shaw	Jodi Verba	Jeanine Pratt
Chairperson	Vice Chairperson	Treasurer	Secretary

# C.I.D.E.R.

CHAMPLAIN ISLANDERS DEVELOPING ESSENTIAL RESOURCES, INC.

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## ANNUAL REPORT TO THE TOWN OF NORTH HERO

July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013

The mission of C.I.D.E.R. is to develop and foster resources that enable the people of Grand Isle County to live in their community with dignity. C.I.D.E.R. accomplishes this by providing direct services and collaborating with other individuals and groups. *C.I.D.E.R. feels a special responsibility to elders and persons with disabilities.* The values that guide C.I.D.E.R. are to be: Caring, Creative, Client Centered, Community Based, and Cost Effective. C.I.D.E.R. is a 501(c) (3) non-profit membership organization governed by an elected Board of Directors representing each of the five towns in Grand Isle County.

Access to critical services and resources remains one of the primary challenges for Grand Isle County elders and persons with disabilities, and as such, the C.I.D.E.R. transportation program remains the most visible and active service provided by this organization. During Fiscal Year 2013, C.I.D.E.R. provided 8,194 rides through the use of our wheelchair accessible buses, mini-vans, and sedans. These staff-operated vehicles were on the road for 6,083 hours and drove 167,063 miles. C.I.D.E.R. volunteer drivers were busier than every this year, providing an additional 2,058 rides, a 13% increase from the prior year. These wonderful people donated 2,774 hours of their time while driving over 66,746 miles. 223 different individuals, ranging in age from infancy to 99 years old, received transportation through C.I.D.E.R. 60 to 70% of all demand/responsive ride requests are received from residents of Alburgh and Isle La Motte, and additional volunteer drivers are urgently needed to meet this demand.

The C.I.D.E.R. Community Meals program (*The Neighbors*) located at the Congregational Church in South Hero served over 6,754 meals to 145 elders and persons with disabilities during FY'13. Just over half of these meals were home delivered. C.I.D.E.R. assumed responsibility for Alburgh, North Hero, and Isle La Motte Meals-On-Wheels on January 2, 2013.

During FY'13, 44 elders participated in the C.I.D.E.R. "Living Strong" strength and balance training and tai chi classes. C.I.D.E.R. volunteers designed and built 4 wheelchair ramps or home accessibility projects, and assisted individuals through friendly visits, telephone reassurance calls, and bill pay management. The special needs equipment closet loaned 140 wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, shower chairs, and other items to approximately 80 individuals. Our newsletter, *THE C.I.D.E.R. PRESS* reaches almost 1,400 Grand Isle County households each month.

C.I.D.E.R. continues to work on the development of a "housing with services" option for Grand Isle County elders. We have obtained an option to purchase a 56 acre piece of land in the town of Grand Isle, and are currently evaluating the septic capacity of the property.

The success of this organization and our mission depends largely upon the generosity and kindness demonstrated daily through the donation of time, talent, and financial support by our friends and neighbors throughout Grand Isle County. Please know how much this is valued and appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Robin S. Way, Executive Director

**2005 National Rural Community Transportation Program of the Year**  
**2007 Vermont Agency of Human Services Secretary's Community Award**  
**2010 Governor's Award Outstanding Community Service**

## Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired Report of Services for Town of North Hero

More than 10,500 Vermont residents are blind or visually impaired. Vision problems can complicate an individual's ability to perform daily tasks, stay mobile inside and outside the home, and enjoy leisure activities. Additionally, Vermont's rural nature makes it less likely for those with visual impairments to encounter others who face similar challenges, and thus creates feelings of isolation and a sense that they are not understood by their peers.

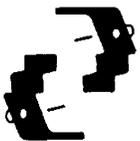
During Fiscal Year 2013, VABVI served 1,417 clients from all 14 counties in Vermont, including 1 adult and 1 student in North Hero and 11 adults and 4 students in Grand Isle County.

Since 1926, VABVI, a nonprofit organization, has diligently pursued our mission of enabling Vermonters with vision problems, whether blindness or impairment, to achieve and maintain independence. We are the *only* private agency in Vermont to offer a complete range of services to visually impaired residents – and at no cost to the client.

Services include Rehabilitation (adapting daily living tasks to allow those with low vision to live independently); Orientation and Mobility (providing white cane and guide dog instruction, allowing individuals to navigate through their home and community independently); Assistive Technology (adaptive aids allow clients to successfully perform most activities they desire); Social Networking (improving social skills and providing a support network); and Statewide Transportation (volunteer drivers provide rides to medical appointments, grocery stores and for personal visits).

VABVI has four offices statewide, located in Brattleboro, Montpelier, Rutland and South Burlington. For more information about VABVI's services, or to volunteer, please contact us at (800) 639-5861, email us at [general@vabvi.org](mailto:general@vabvi.org) or visit us our website at [www.vabvi.org](http://www.vabvi.org).

*If you would prefer to receive this information by email, please contact Emily Mason, Development Coordinator, at [emason@vabvi.org](mailto:emason@vabvi.org) or (800) 639-5861 ext. 217.*



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**The Resource for seniors and their  
caregivers in the Champlain Valley**

**EMPOWERS. GUIDES. PROVIDES.**

Services and Support for Seniors

**THE CHAMPLAIN VALLEY AGENCY ON AGING, INC.** has been helping people age with independence and dignity for over 30 years. During this past year, CVAA provided services to 17 older residents of North Hero. CVAA is grateful to the citizens of North Hero for their ongoing support of services for area seniors.

**THE SERVICES AVAILABLE TO RESIDENTS OF NORTH HERO INCLUDE:**

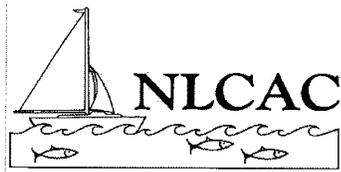
**MEALS ON WHEELS** ~ CVAA provides hot wholesome meals to seniors who are age 60 or over. Volunteers deliver Meals on Wheels to homebound individuals who are ill, frail, or recuperating after a hospital stay and unable to prepare their own meal.

**SENIOR COMMUNITY MEALS** ~ North Hero seniors attend CVAA community meals and participate in the CVAA restaurant ticket program . In addition to a nutritious meal, the community meal provides socialization and companionship for older people who may be isolated or live alone.

**CASE MANAGEMENT** ~ CVAA Case Managers make in-home visits and connect individuals with the services and resources they need in order to remain independent and in their own home. Caitlin Collins, the CVAA Case Manager for North Hero, worked with 12 seniors in your town. Caitlin may be reached through the CVAA office at 865-0360 or 1-800-642-5119.

**SENIOR HELPLINE** ~ CVAA operates a toll-free service that provides answers to any question or concern regarding services for older people. Seniors, or their family members, can reach the Senior HelpLine by calling 1-800-642-5119 (Voice/TTY) during business hours.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE AGENCY,  
OR TO INQUIRE ABOUT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES,  
CALL 865-0360 OR 1-800-642-5119 (VOICE/TTY)  
YOU MAY ALSO VISIT US AT: [WWW.CVAA.ORG](http://WWW.CVAA.ORG)**



*"Future of the Lake"*

## **Northern Lake Champlain Advisory Committee**

**North Hero, Vermont 05474**

**Northern Lake Champlain Advisory Committee (NLCAC)** is committed to the mission of working with the local public, local government and state government to address the actions needed to restore and preserve the water quality in this northern portion of Lake Champlain. The NLCAC has worked with the Vermont Citizens Advisory Committee (VTCAC), the Basin Programs, Lake Champlain International and other Vermont agencies. The NLCAC has also hosted past educational events called "Future of the Lake".

The **NLCAC** has been active in supporting "Great Ice in Grand Isle" with providing prizes and funds for the "Kids Ice Fishing Derby".

**NLCAC** has been having much discussion on how to enhance the participation of the community in lake issues. We have not found the path to accomplish this to our full satisfaction but continue to explore ideas that may have future merit. If you have suggestions or ideas we would encourage you to contact us. If you are willing to volunteer to serve on the Committee please contact us.

For the 2012-2013 year we tried the venue of having a "Lake Leaders" event at Shore Acres. It was co-hosted with Lake Champlain International. We had a panel made up of the Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce, former Commissioner of Fish and Wildlife, Lake Champlain Research Institute and other distinguished Lake Leaders. We were very pleased with the event and briefed you ahead of time in last year's report.

We will continue to explore this concept and others with different groups over the upcoming months.

NLCAC would like to thank all volunteers who have committed and contributed to the lake clean-up and restoration. It is this essential dedication that will save "Our Lake".

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## VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION OF CHITTENDEN AND GRAND ISLE COUNTIES

### VNA Services in your Community

The Visiting Nurse Association of Chittenden and Grand Isle Counties (VNA) is a 107-year-old nonprofit home health agency delivering services to people across the life span – from critically ill children to vulnerable young families to adults who need rehabilitation, long-term care, adult day services or end-of-life care.

In the past, many towns hired Town Nurses, who were responsible for providing care to residents. The VNA now has that role, caring for children, adults, seniors, and families, helping keep people where they most want to be – at home. The VNA provides medically necessary home and community-based care to individuals and families regardless of their ability to pay.

Our founders established a directive, “to serve all who turn to the VNA in their time of need,” which still guides our work today. Our agency has continued through medical challenges of cancer, heart and lung disease, diabetes, and the social challenges of dying, old age and frailty, and poverty and malnutrition.

In just the past year, **the VNA provided \$1.8 million in charitable care to our neighbors in need**; charitable care is health care provided for free or at reduced prices.

The VNA offers the following programs and services:

- In-home nursing, physical, occupational, and speech therapy
- Family and Children’s Services
- Prenatal, postpartum, and newborn care
- Hospice and Vermont Respite House
- Long-term in-home care
- Private Caregiver Services
- Flu clinics and blood & cholesterol checks
- Adult Day Program



*Photo by Daria Bishop*

Contact the VNA: 802.658.1900    [www.vnacares.org](http://www.vnacares.org)    [info@vnacares.org](mailto:info@vnacares.org)





# 2013 Town Report

The Regional Commission is a multi-purpose governmental organization formed by and serving the municipalities of Franklin and Grand Isle Counties. All municipalities in the region are entitled to equal voting representation by two locally appointed members to the Board of Commissioners. Northwest Regional Planning Commission implements a variety of projects and programs tailored to local, regional and statewide needs.

## Northwest Regional Planning Commission Projects & Programs:

**Municipal plan and bylaw updates and related technical assistance:** Focus on predictable and effective local permitting through education and training, bylaw modernization and plan updates.

**Brownfields:** Complete environmental site assessments and fund clean-ups so properties can be sold, developed or re-developed to benefit the economy, create or protect jobs and increase housing opportunities.

**Transportation planning:** Coordinate local involvement in transportation decisions through the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), and provide services such as intersection studies, corridor plans and traffic counts.

**Emergency planning:** Better prepare our region and state for disasters by coordinating with local volunteers and VT Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security on emergency planning, exercises and training.

**Energy conservation and development:** Implement projects to support municipal energy conservation to save energy and tax dollars, support job training programs, and identify opportunities for renewable energy generation.

**Watershed planning and project development:** Implement water quality projects and programs to protect water resources, ensure safe water supplies, enhance recreational opportunities and address known sources of pollution.

**Regional plans:** Coordinate infrastructure, community development and growth at the regional level through the development, adoption, and administration of a comprehensive regional plan.

**Geographic Information System Services:** Provide municipalities, state agencies and regional groups with mapping and data analysis in support of their projects.

**Special projects:** Complete special projects such as downtown revitalization, recreation paths, farmland preservation, economic development and affordable housing projects.

**Grants:** Provide assistance identifying appropriate grant sources, defining a project scope and writing grant applications.

## In North Hero the Northwest Regional Planning Commission:

- ☞ Conducted a community meeting under the Healthy People, Strong Communities project to gather input and share ideas on economic development, community health, bike and pedestrian safety, disaster resilience and the overall future of the community.
- ☞ Met with the planning commission as part of the enhanced municipal consultation process to review the town plan, identify training needs and discuss local and regional priorities.
- ☞ Provided draft language and technical review for the Zoning and Subdivision Bylaw updates.
- ☞ Assisted with the administration of the Grand Isle County Mutual Aid Association.
- ☞ Updated the E-911 poster map, road atlas and road map.

North Hero  
Regional Commissioners:  
Two Vacant Seats

Transportation Advisory  
Committee:  
Vacant Seat

This year the Commission will further develop our Healthy People, Strong Communities project to promote economic development and community health, including providing over \$200,000 in implementation grants to community groups and adopting a new regional plan. We will also continue our programs in local and regional planning and project implementation and will provide other needed services to our member municipalities. The Commission has no regulatory or taxing authority; however, each year we do request a per capita assessment from our members in support of local and regional activities and to provide matching funds needed for state and federal programs.

Your continued support for local and regional planning is greatly appreciated. NRPC is your resource -- please call on us for assistance with planning, zoning, transportation, mapping, or other needs.

## Pelots Bay Restoration Association 2013 Update

Pelots Bay Restoration Association [PBRA] of North Hero completed its thirteenth year of operation. PBRA was founded in 2001 by a small group of concerned Pelots Bay property owners. The organization consists of officers, board members, and associate members. In 2002, the State of Vermont granted PBRA a permit to remove invasive weeds, including Eurasian milfoil, in Pelots Bay.

In 2011, the Town of North Hero and PBRA acquired commercial harvesting equipment through a three-year grant from the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources [ANR]. This included a harvester, transport barge, conveyor, dumpster, and a heavy duty truck. The grant allows PBRA to use the equipment to harvest weeds in North Hero, including Pelots Bay and Carry Bay.

During 2012, PBRA applied for and received a permit to harvest invasive weeds in Carry Bay. The permit process through ANR required a complete evaluation of Carry Bay and addressed such issues as wetlands and fisheries. This was the first year that PBRA harvested weeds in two separate areas. Overall the weed harvesting went extremely well. In the fall of 2012, ANR informed PBRA that they would only allow harvesting in Pelots Bay and Carry Bay. ANR's primary concern was the limitation of the current equipment and resources. The permits allow weed removal to begin no earlier than July 1<sup>st</sup> and since PBRA operates only one harvester, timing would have been a showstopper. It should be noted lake depth and wind conditions also play a key role throughout the harvest season.

In 2013, PBRA harvested weeds for a total 49 lakeshore property owners. The size of the lakeshore frontage varied from 100 to more than 200 feet. PBRA removed over 1300 cubic yards of weeds, which equates to hundreds of pounds of phosphorous. This was a record year for the amount of material removed. The average harvest time per lot was 5.5 hours. This number included the transportation of the weeds to the distribution sites and off loading the weeds to local farms. Weed removal in both in Pelots Bay and Carry Bay was definitely a challenge. This fall the Town of North Hero and PBRA requested that the commercial equipment grant to be extended for an additional three years. ANR approved this request.

Operating and maintaining the commercial equipment through the Town of North Hero continues to be a success story. Land owners, PBRA, and the Town of North Hero are key partners in the efforts to restore the natural beauty of Lake Champlain. PBRA would like to thank the Town for their involvement and commitment in making this a successful joint operation.

R.E. Winter,  
President



## Island Arts in North Hero

In 2013, Island Arts continued making a difference in North Hero as it does in all of the towns in the Lake Champlain Islands.

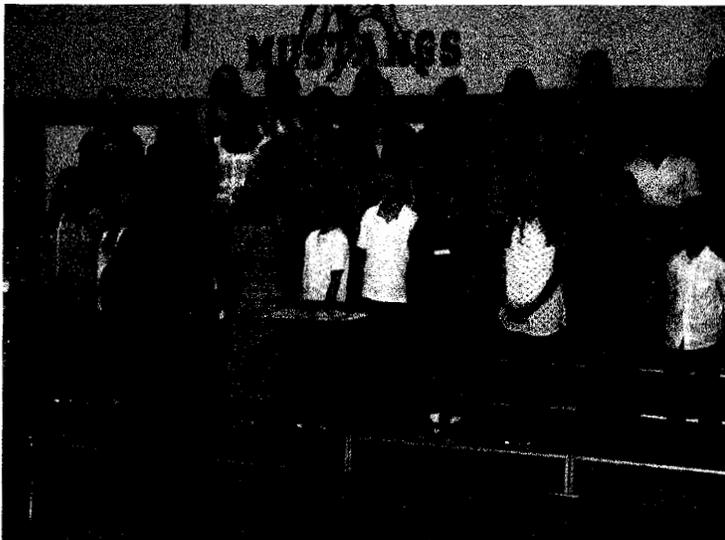
Island Arts is an all volunteer organization whose purpose is to celebrate the creative arts in Grand Isle County with all profits going to support youth and adult scholarships in such areas as music, writing, theater, and painting.

For the calendar year 2013, Island Arts celebrated thirty years of service to Grand Isle County. IA continues to bring programs of the highest quality to our towns each year. In addition to concerts, Island Arts presents workshops, programs for children, and craft shows. During the summer of 2013, the organization sponsored a wide ranging Island Arts Academy. These workshops for youth and adults are presented by professionals and experts in a wide variety of fields in all the arts. Each summer the curriculum of the Academy will be different and unique. Watch for announcements of this upcoming summer programs at the Island Arts Academy at [islandarts.org](http://islandarts.org).

ArtsBoost is a grant program for all five of the Island schools with a goal of enriching and extending the school arts curriculum through its teachers and schools. We reach out to art, music, drama, and literature teachers as well as any other teacher who wishes to expand the artistic horizons of her/his students beyond the regular curriculum. During 2013 scholarship assistance for music lessons and Academy workshops totaled \$4000. Monies for the grants and scholarships come from all the people who attend concerts and many generous Friends; once bills are paid, the balance is distributed to your children in their school.

The event funded by ArtsBoost grants was the Grand Isle County Music Fest on April 18 hosted by the Alburgh Community School. Band and chorus members from Alburgh, Grand Isle, Isle La Motte, North Hero and South Hero participated in this event. Led by invited conductors from outside the Islands, all of our musicians and singers did us proud.

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## Grand Isle County Mentoring Program

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### Annual Report November 2013

Grand Isle County Mentoring is a school-based mentoring program, which matches community children with adults who have similar interests. They meet once a week for one hour in the school at a mutually convenient time and develop a relationship. During their time together they participate in many activities on the school grounds, including games, arts and crafts, cooking and conversation. Mentoring has proven results for both the children and adults who care enough to make the commitment of just one hour a week. Research supports that children with mentors are much more likely to stay in school, improve in school and not turn to drugs, alcohol or violence. Even more amazing is the fact that it takes a mentor working with a child 1 hour a week to make an impact.

The Grand Isle County Mentoring Program is currently in its fifth year. We were very proud to win the Community Service Award from the Lake Champlain Chamber of Commerce. Last June, we ended the school year with 42 matches in the Grand Isle Schools. Our four graduating 8<sup>th</sup> graders and their mentors decided to continue their relationships transitioning to a community based mentoring program. We are excited to see the mentoring relationships continue into high school.

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Make a difference in a youth's life; be a mentor

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Karen Browning, Mentoring Coordinator  
802 372 5239 gicmentoring@gmail.com

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October 1, 2012 – September 30, 2013  
ANNUAL REPORT**

North Hero Select Board  
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Board Report 2013**

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The Champlain Islands Parent Child Center has had a great year! We were part of the Green Mountain Healthy Kids Challenge Grant that allowed us to expand our garden and add more playground materials for physical activity. We also expanded on our cooking with children curriculum that offered nutritious cooking experiences for the children and education opportunities for the families and staff. We have also had many staff training opportunities to enhance our curriculum for young children.

Last year we achieved our NAEYC reaccreditation (the National Association for the Education of Young Children) and continue to provide the highest standard in early care and education for children. For the sixth year in a row we are also rated as a 5 STAR child care center, giving families the confidence of an outstanding place for their children to learn and grow!

The Champlain Islands Parent Child Center continues to partner with the Champlain Valley Head Start to offer Early Head Start services to children ages 6 weeks – 2 years and Regular Head Start services in the preschool program for children ages 3 – 5 years. Together, we are able to offer a variety of resources such as parent education, staff education, nutrition and health services, outreach and support services to name a few.

The Allen House building has a wonderful Pre-Kindergarten program 3 mornings per week that is in partnership with the Grand Isle Supervisory Union offering the UAPK program, giving all preschool children the opportunity to be prepared for Kindergarten. Every day there is also an after-school program serving children 6-12 years. The children are given a snack, time to read and play inside, outside explore time, and help with their homework. We continue to partner with WIC to offer their health services in the farmhouse twice every other month.

The Champlain Islands Parent Child Center participates in the Child and Adult Care Food Program. Our cook prepares home cooked breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack to ensure all children receive well balanced, nutritious meals.

Our goals for next year are to continue improving upon our curriculum and classroom environments to provide the best place for children to expand their creativity within their natural world. We will be hosting our first ever annual CIPCC 5K run/walk for the Island area and add to our fundraising efforts. We will be looking to expand our playground with a new treehouse structure as well. We are committed to offering the best possible early care and education to the children and families of this special community.

We are proud to be a part of the Island Community and welcome visitors and folks interested in any of our programs anytime. Thank you for your continued support.

David Carter  
Board President  
372-5614



Cortney Kraham  
Executive Director  
372-4704



From the Cemetery Commission:

We decided to identify each cemetery with signs made of granite which would be permanent. The North Hero Cemetery Commission asked for proposals and prices from three monument businesses on furnishing us 2'6" x 2'0" Barre Granite monuments. Plouff Monument Company from St. Albans was selected to make the signs. Steve Plouff suggested we look at different size monuments that would look more like an actual sign. Steve submitted drawings of each sign. We chose this type of monument for two reasons. First, it is more recognizable and second, it was less expensive because there was less granite involved. These permanent signs were paid for in part with the money in the *Martha Hutchins Cemetery Trust Fund*. The trustees felt that using this money to permanently mark our five cemeteries would be beneficial and long lasting. We encourage you to visit our cemeteries to view the signs which are now installed.

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