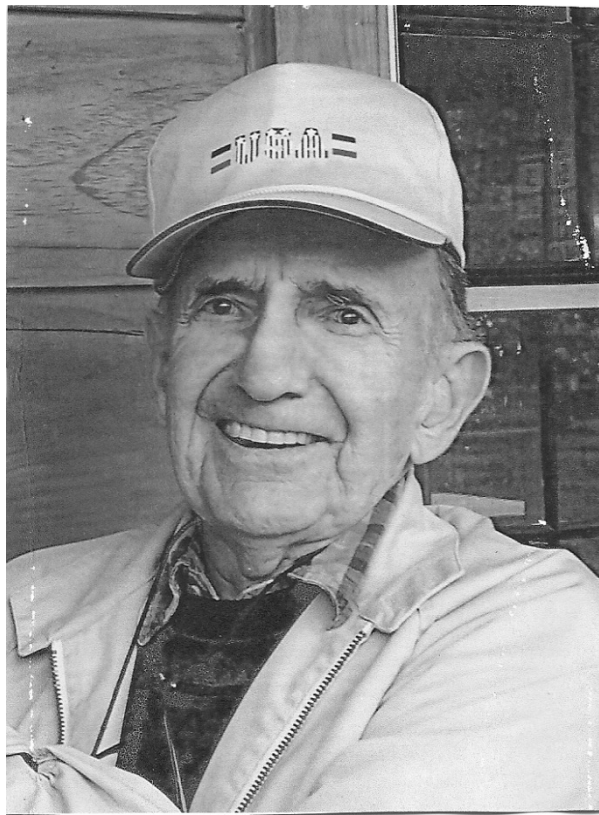


Town of **Ryegate** Vermont

2012 Annual Report



Please bring this report to
Town Meeting
On Tuesday, March 5, 2013



**George Robert Johnson
1924 - 2012**

Bob Johnson was born in Pennsylvania but was raised in Boltonville and Wells River. He attended Wells River schools and enlisted in the U.S. Army at age 16. He returned to this area after the service and boarded at Mother Stearns in South Ryegate where he began work in the granite sheds. He married Irene Normand in 1947 and they bought their home in South Ryegate in 1949. They raised three daughters there. He was a letter cutter in the granite industry for most of his career but he also drove trucks, farmed and painted houses. He was a member of the South Ryegate Presbyterian Church. He was a Cemetery Commissioner and a Ballot Clerk for many elections. He also was a Lister for the town from 1961 until 1967 and again from 1970 until 1972. He had a love of history and a great memory for names, dates and events in Ryegate. Bob was always happy to share his knowledge about town history with people and usually did so with a twinkle in his eye.

The Report of the Officers of the

Town
of
Ryegate
Vermont

In preparation for Town Meeting Day

On

Tuesday, March 5, 2013

2012

Annual Report
Of Town Officers
For the Year Ended
December 31, 2012

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RYEGATE'S 250th CELEBRATIONS

Winter Carnival Kick-off Event

Saturday, Jan. 19th

Ticklenaked Pond 12:00 – 3:00 pm

Skating, Broom Hockey, Sledding, Snowshoeing, X-C Skiing, Dog Sled

Rides, Bonfire, Chili Cook-off, Ice Harvesting Exhibit

Ice Fishing, Hot Chocolate, Hot Dogs, Coffee,

Contact: Sally Wilson 584-3333

Spring Maple Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, April 13th

South Ryegate Church 8:00 – 10:30 AM

Pancakes, sausage, local syrup

Historical Exhibits, Sugar House Tours

Irving Thomae – slides and talk on local Railroad History

Bring your own memorabilia to share!

Contact: Molly Fisher 584-4292

Summer Ice Cream Social

Saturday, July 20th

East Ryegate Village 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Ice Cream, Historical Society Exhibits,

Music, Children's Games

Contact: Pat Crocker 757-2704

Town Wide Celebration

Saturday, Sept. 7th -Ryegate Corner- 10:00 AM thru Evening

Oxen demo, Blacksmithing, Rug Braiding, Cider Pressing,

Historical Exhibits, 5K Run, Town Scavenger Hunt,

Children's Games, Whitehill Stone House Tours and more!

Lunch and Dinner Available, Contra Dance & Caller

Contacts: Kristine Elder 584-3612 & Jackie Sinclair 584-3280

T-shirts & Mugs for sale at all events & Town Office

www.ryegatevt.org

www.ryegate250blogspot.com

Selectboard Narrative

The past year has proven to be a busy time for the selectboard with a wide range of issues. From nuisance beavers, messy neighbor complaints, town highway machines, resignations, 250 year celebrations, and road reconstruction just to name a few. Last March after town meeting when the selectboard reorganized, the salaries of the road crew were raised \$.75 per hour. Larry Welch received \$1.75 per hour raise as he is a road foreman with Fred Lakin. We believe this has improved the daily management of the road crew as the selectboard now views a log of daily activities.

The machinery inventory has changed some since last year. The 2001 loader was traded for a slightly used (40 hrs) 2011 John Deere 524K, saving the town \$18,500 compared to buying new. The loader warranty is 4000 hours or 5 years, same as a new machine. After hearing testimony from road crew members concerning the need for a wood chipper to aid in brush cutting the select board decided to purchase a used \$3,500 chipper from Bob Zambon. A new chipper did not seem feasible at a cost of \$20,000.

The road resurfacing portion of the town budget was used on the Creamery Road Project in South Ryegate. Just as a house is only as good as its foundation, a road is only as good as its drainage. Improving the drainage as well as the road base material will give the finished product a longer life span. When the town enters into a project like this it is hard to foresee what complications might occur. Ledge and cracked clay under drain pipe were a couple of problems in this case. The town has adopted codes and standards through VTrans, This requires any new work to meet these standards, 18 inch diameter culverts and 18 inch diameter storm drain pipes. By having codes and standards the town has an opportunity to receive funds for resurfacing class 2 roads or rebuilding town highway structures (bridges). A new sidewalk will be installed in the near future, however the winter maintenance plan of the sidewalk needs to be figured out.

The Creamery Road Bridge #4 replacement project got under way this year with the town applying for and receiving a Class Two Structures grant for Phase 1 of the engineering. The grant is for \$43,591.50, which is 90% of the cost of Phase 1. We will be applying to the same grant program for funding for Phase 2 this year. The board is very pleased that the Historic Preservation office at VTrans have signed on to the idea of replacing Bridge #4 as long as our engineers consider a replacement in kind.

Two town officers resigned during the year. With regrets the select board accepted the resignation of Joan Smith, Lister and Ron Erskine, Animal Control Officer. Thank you both for your years of dedicated service. Bev Allen was appointed as a Lister and the Animal Control Officer remains vacant.

The town now has a website, ryegatevt.org, this should be a great way of accessing various types of information. Thank you Regina Hazel for making this possible.

As we celebrate 250 years of our charter let us remember and give thanks to our ancestors who settled here, embrace the present moment, and instill our values and traditions for future generations to cherish.

The Selectboard

Selectboard Narrative



Vermont Local Roads
Saint Michael's College
One Winooski Park, Box 260
Colchester, VT 05439

To: Grant Nelson
Town of Ryegate

From: David Antone
Executive Director
Vermont Local Roads

Subject:
Gravel Road Report

Grant,

I am sorry that it takes so long to get these reports out but I am the only one in our office with the experience to evaluate and report on the status/needs of gravel roads. Many towns are taking advantage of our technical assistance service and I have been on the road for a good part of the time. Many towns need much more assistance than Ryegate and I mean that as a compliment.

During my visit to Ryegate, I observed that most of the best practices that I would prescribe were in use on a daily basis. The two supervisors that rode with us were very aware of the need to adhere to the kind of techniques that promote drainage and keep the road surface free of defects. Specifically, the items that we discussed were: creating a properly shaped road crown, removing berms from the edge of the road, using good road gravel, and keeping ditches and culverts functional.

Here are the highlights of what I observed:

- **General Conditions**-Wherever gravel thickness was adequate, a **good crown** existed. I suggested a few locations where gravel should be added to facilitate better crowning in those areas. One location was a low lying culvert in a shaded area where the ditch was suspected as being a problem but I have suggested that more gravel and a better crown may resolve potholes in this area. I also suggested that one entire road be addressed with more gravel and reshaping of the road along with cleaning some ditch obstructions. Most of the roads that I observed were in very good condition. I was very impressed with the how well these roads have stood up to weather conditions since they were last graded.
- **Berm removal** was a minor issue. It appears that the Highway Department is paying close attention to this issue when doing their road maintenance. There were very few problem areas and the ones that we discussed had special problems relating to private property owners not wanting the run-off from the road on their land. This is more of a political issue than a technical issue. I have advised that the town has some rights and an explanation of those rights could be better explained by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns. The best answer is to work with the homeowner to resolve such issues. For the most part, your crew needs no direction from

Selectboard Narrative

Vermont Local Road on removing berms from the edge of the road. The roads are currently very well managed in this respect.

- **Ditches and Culverts**-The highway department does a great job maintaining ditches and culverts. I was able to observe several locations displaying examples good road maintenance that included ditching and culvert installations. For the most part, there were no real issues and work was well thought out and prioritized. I did point out a problem that has been occurring with plastic culverts throughout the state. The HDPE plastic culverts are showing some defects within a short time of being installed. This problem has shown up in all towns that I have visited this summer. This problem does not occur because of a defective product. The HDPE plastic culvert performance depends on good material and compaction. Galvanized steel culverts can survive poor installation with less visible defects but many do separate over time because of poor installation. Recently, we have gotten more questions about these culverts. Vermont Local Roads will be publishing a fact sheet that includes proper procedure for installing these culverts. The update will appear on our web-site, on our list-serve, and probably in our next newsletter. The problems observed in your town were very minor but, as I advised, you should have a procedure for contractors and road crew to follow. Our update will be available for your use in the next 10 days.
- **Road Gravel**-I was very impressed with the overall condition of your road surface. Despite the recent rainfalls, I observed very few surface defects on your roads. I wondered if all your roads survived as well. This question led to a very long drive over your gravel road network where I observed shaded areas, open road areas, and several roads that utilized gravel from two different sources. Over this 3 ½ hour drive, I probably traveled most of your gravel road system. This was a very thorough survey and I appreciate that you and your two supervisors took the time to stop in many locations to check the road grading techniques and allow me an opportunity to check the different gravel materials being applied. Both of the road gravels being applied were crushed, processed stone rather than a bank run variety. This is always a first concern as many towns have to rely on bank run gravel that generally performs less well and requires more frequent grading. There are some quarry processed gravels that also exhibit less endurance than others. On Ryegate roads, I observed that there was no appreciable difference in the two gravels being used. Both gravel products performed well and surface defects were not very profound on any of the roads. The only difference that I noted was the color of each material which was the only way I could note that there was a difference at all. As a road base, both materials are working well for summer construction and maintenance. The only thing that I am unable to judge is mud-season repair efficiency and I would always depend on the Road Forman to make that call.
- **Road Crew**-The Ryegate road crew is observing best practices and providing good management of gravel road maintenance. This is one of the better gravel road systems that I have observed all summer.

Thanks for the opportunity to visit Ryegate. These types of observations will help other towns as well.

Thanks,
David Antone
Executive Director

Note: David Antone has 7 years of experience as public works supervisor and over twenty years as a supervisor in the road construction industry.

TOWN OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN	
Road Foreman	Fred Lakin & Larry Welch
Clerk for the Selectmen	Marsha Nelson
Fence Viewers	The Selectmen
Pound Keeper	Haverhill Dog Kennel
Surveyor of Wood & Lumber & Weigher of Coal	Bruce Beauvais
Tree Warden	Darcy Nelson
Agent to Convey Real Estate	Dean Rowden
Town Service Officer	J Paul Coates
Health Officer Animal Control Officer	Stephen Genereaux, MD Resigned
Energy Officer	Marsha Nelson
Green Up Chairman	Darryl Perkins & Makayla Perkins
NEK Waste District	Gene Perkins, Supervisor Andrew Smith, Vice Super
Planning – Zoning Board Term expires 2013	Walter Bragg
Term expires 2013	Richard Colby II
Term expires 2013	Nancy Perkins
Term expires 2014	Margaret Pearl
Term expires 2014	Stephen Genereaux
Term expires 2015	Mary Dole
Term expires 2015	William Elder
Term expires 2015	Scott Ordway
Term expires 2015	Fremont Nelson
Northeastern Vermont Develop Assoc.	Al Sponheimer
Joint Commissions	Vacant
APPOINTED BY THE TOWN CLERK	
Town Clerk's Assistant	Beth Fraser
APPOINTED BY THE TREASURER	
Treasurer's Assistant	Cynthia Orr

TOWN OFFICERS 2012

MODERATOR	Regina Hazel
TOWN CLERK	Marsha Nelson
TREASURER	Cheryl Slayton

SELECTMEN

Term expires March 2013 Grant Nelson
Term expires March 2014 Paul Keenan
Term expires March 2015 Andrew Smith

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR	Dale Wright
FIRST CONSTABLE	Vacant
TOWN AGENT	John Zampieri
FIRST GRAND JUROR	Dean Rowden

LISTERS:

Term expires March 2013	Bev Allen – Appointed
Term expires March 2014	Regina Hazel
Term expires March 2015	Elizabeth Beauvais

AUDITORS :

Term expires March 2013	Barbara Smith
Term expires March 2014	Thomas Dole
Term expires March 2015	Richard Fraser

LIBRARY TRUSTEES:

Term expires March, 2013	Holly McLure
Term expires March, 2014	Jennifer Nelson
Term expires March, 2015	Mary Dole
Term expires March, 2016	Deanna Arnosky
Term expires March, 2017	Richard Fraser

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER:

Term expires March, 2013	Judy Gandin
Term expires March, 2014	Richard Colby II
Term expires March, 2015	Vacant
Term expires March, 2016	Bruce Nelson
Term expires March, 2017	William Nelson

UNION SCHOOL DIRECTORS:

Term expires March, 2013	Bruce Stevens
Term expires March, 2013	Leo Cota
Term expires March, 2014	Angeline Alley
Term expires March, 2015	Ron Phillips

Professional Auditors' Narrative

FOTHERGILL SEGALE & VALLEY

Certified Public Accountants



John E. (Jeff) Fothergill, CPA
Michael L. Segale, CPA
Sheila R. Valley, CPA
Teresa H. Kajenski, CPA
Donald J. Murray, CPA

January 14, 2013

To the Selectboard
and Management
Town of Ryegate, Vermont

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Town of Ryegate for the year ended December 31, 2011 and have issued our report thereon dated January 14, 2013. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated June 4, 2012. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Findings

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by Town of Ryegate are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. GASB 54 "Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions" was implemented during the year and the applications of existing policies were not changed during the year. We noted no transactions entered into by the governmental unit during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimate affecting the Town of Ryegate's financial statements was:

Professional Auditors' Narrative

- Management's estimate of the depreciation is based on estimated useful lives of the capital assets. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used and determined that the estimate used is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent and clear.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. The uncorrected misstatements of the financial statements were due to unrecorded accrued wages and unrecorded delinquent interest and penalties and related deferred revenue. Management has determined that their effects are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements as a whole, which we agree.

We proposed ten adjustments to your financial statements which were accepted and recorded by management. Eight of the adjustments were considered material adjustments. Two were related to reflecting the deferred property tax revenue, two were related to the highway transfers due to the effect of the current operations including the grants, three were to properly reflect some grant activity and one was related to the final adjustment of taxes due to the School District.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated January 14, 2013.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

FDIC Coverage - While conducting the audit of cash we noted the Town had cash on deposit in excess of the federally insured limit in a financial institution. This presents a potential for losses to Town in the event of bank or institutional failure. We suggest that management closely monitor cash balances and transfer excess balances to other banks, where possible, to reduce the potential for loss of monetary amounts in excess of the federally insured level.

Professional Auditors' Narrative

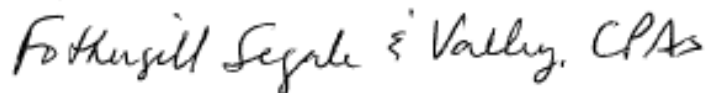
Investment Policy – The Town does not have a formal written investment policy. The Town should formulate and establish a formal written investment policy that details the Board's philosophies, policies and goals (both short and long term). The policy would allow the Board to maximize the income earned on investments at an acceptable level of risk and would safeguard Town's assets against misuse. It should include who has the right to transfer between the investment accounts, transaction amount limits, what kind of investments can be made, and who can authorize purchases and sales. The policy should also address the investment goals of Town, the targeted return for the investment portfolio, the amount of risk that is acceptable, and evaluate the risk/reward of investment alternatives. The investment returns and composition should be analyzed at least quarterly to evaluate performance and adherence to the investment policy. This should greatly enhance Town's income from investments.

Fund Balance Policy - The Town implemented GASB 54 "Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions." However, the Board has not adopted a policy which addresses the Town's ability to classify the components of fund balance. We recommend that the Board adopt a fund balance policy.

With respect to the supplementary information accompanying the financial statements, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content and methods of preparing information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements, or to the financial statements themselves.

This information is intended solely for the use of the Selectboard and management of Town of Ryegate and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,



FOTHERGILL SEGALE & VALLEY, CPAs
Vermont Public Accountancy License #110

Auditors' Narrative

In accordance with Vermont Statutes Annotated Title 24, Section 1681, we have verified the existence of cash balances and examined the accounts and records of town officers. To the best of our knowledge, the financial statements and reports of receipts and disbursements, assets and liabilities contained in this Annual Report present an accurate record of funds handled in the year ending December 31, 2012.

Ryegate Auditors,

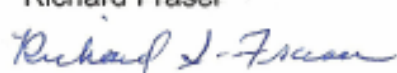
Barbara Smith



Thomas Dole



Richard Fraser



Financial Management Questionnaire

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT QUESTIONNAIRE VERMONT AUDITOR'S OFFICE

	Yes	No
Are all account records currently maintained ?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Checkbook	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Receipts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Disbursements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Deposit slips	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Bank reconciliations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Do you reconcile bank and ledger balances monthly?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Are checks always written to specified payees and not to cash?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Does the same individual open the mail and deposit checks ?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Are pre-numbered checks used for all bank accounts?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Are unopened bank statements delivered directly to the treasurer as received ?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Have you borrowed money from the organization ?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Have board members attended financial trainings ?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Are bank statements reconciled on a regular basis ?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Does someone other than the treasurer review bank reconciliations ?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Is the organization professionally audited ?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Does the organization receive payments in cash ? <i>very few</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Has the organization had a theft, embezzlement or wire fraud in the last 5 years?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Have there been any changes in authorized signatures during the fiscal year ?		
Has a signature stamp ever been used for any account ?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Is a specific individual responsible for correcting audit findings ?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Are financial records maintained in a computerized system ?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Does the organization have written financial policies and procedures ?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Does each employee have copies of these policies and procedures ?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Have you attended trainings on recordkeeping ?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Are any financial records maintained in manual form ?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Are checks written by the same individual who approves payments ?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Are you a participant in any business which does business with the organization ?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Do you maintain separate pages, columns or running balances for each fund ?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Do you maintain the disbursement journals ?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Are regular financial reports prepared for the board?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Do you assist in the audit planning process ?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Do you maintain separate accounts for each fund ?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Do you have prenumbered receipt books for cash payments?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Are budget to actual reports prepared for each department?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Are bank accounts and fund balances reconciled on a monthly basis ?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Does the organization loan money to employees ?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Funds Administered by Selectboard and Treasurer 2012

	Beginning Balance	Deposit	Withdrawal	Interest Credited	Ending Balance
1) So. Ryegate Sewer					
#273086	\$1,581.79			\$1.98	\$1,583.77
2) Rural Development					
#306513	\$833.49			\$1.05	\$834.54
3) Act 200 Funds					
#310392	\$5,240.84		* \$189.85	\$8.95	\$5,059.94
4) Fire Dept Building Fund					
#634466	\$526.34			\$0.71	\$527.05
5) Fire Dept Eq. Repl.					
#632300	\$23,014.83	\$10,750.53		\$43.50	\$33,808.86
6) Machine Fund-Hgwy					
#612080	\$180,427.87		** \$59,000.00	\$208.59	\$121,636.46
7) Ryegate History Committee					
#524317	\$17,564.43			\$30.81	\$17,595.24
8) Nicole A. Hayne					
#528494	\$4,615.52	\$1,000.00	*** \$42.00	\$8.12	\$5,581.64
#905929	\$12,301.50			\$139.47	\$12,440.97
9) M. Hall Library					
#195892	\$1,258.51	\$754.24	**** \$400.00	\$1.90	\$1,614.65
#905933	\$6,134.83			\$69.55	\$6,204.38
1711 Shares MFS/MIT	\$31,962.65				\$37,608.88
933 Shares Putnam	\$11,245.83				\$12,440.40
10) W. Sutton Memorial					
#552067	\$105.93			\$0.13	\$106.06
12) Tax Sale Account					
#566397	\$4,771.02		\$4,771.02		\$0.00
* Ryegate Town Plan					
** 2011 Loader \$55,500 and Wood Chipper \$3500					
*** Sand for South Ryegate Playground					
**** South Ryegate Library					

Funds Administered by Selectboard and Treasurer 2012

	Beginning Bal	Deposit	Withdrawal	Interest Credited	Ending Balance
13) E. Ryegate Library					
#9358817841	\$1,881.36			\$0.82	\$1,882.18
14) John F. McColl Cemetery					
#810875	\$3,326.74			\$36.56	\$3,363.30
#905930	\$2,262.04			\$25.65	\$2,287.69
#234630	\$104.96	\$1.00		\$0.13	\$106.09
15) McDonald Cemetery					
#290409	\$319.46			\$0.40	\$319.86
16) Byrne-Buchanan Cemetery					
#304502	\$490.10			\$0.61	\$490.71
17) C A Park Cemetery					
#506625	\$695.80			\$0.87	\$696.67
18) Cameron Cemetery					
#702507	\$2,878.69			\$33.09	\$2,911.78
19) Ryegate Cemetery Fund					
#601600	\$11,035.48			\$15.29	\$11,050.77
20) E. Hall Cemetery					
#195915	\$1,600.26	\$181.33		\$2.12	\$1,783.71
#905932	\$7,183.56			\$81.45	\$7,265.01
451 Shares Bank of NYMellon	\$8,959.50				\$11,565.00
21) M. Hall Cemetery					
#195928	\$1,028.00	\$17.15		\$1.30	\$1,046.45
#905931	\$3,836.29			\$43.51	\$3,879.80
146 Shares Bank of America	\$811.76				\$1,695.06
29 Shares Bank of NYMellon	\$577.39				\$745.30
22) Ticklenaked Pond Checking					
#389315	\$4,238.07	\$1,031.00	\$521.94		\$4,747.13
23) BMU Little League					
#565393	\$661.42			\$0.83	\$662.25
24) Lind Homes Housing					
#565353	\$4,321.60			\$7.58	\$4,329.18

Capital Needs: Town Highway Machinery and Equipment

TOWN OF RYEGATE	Year 2003	Year 2004	Year 2005	Year 2006	Year 2007	Year 2008	Year 2009	Year 2010	Year 2011	Year 2012	Year 2013
HIGHWAY MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT											
CAPITAL NEEDS ACTUALS AND ESTIMATES											
Capital Item	Year 2003	Year 2004	Year 2005	Year 2006	Year 2007	Year 2008	Year 2009	Year 2010	Year 2011	Year 2012	Year 2013
2011 Loader										55,500	
2003 Plow	4,290										
2004 Truck	33,227										
2004 Grader		131,104									
2006 Truck			37,440								
2005 Culvert Steamer			5,296								
2008 Truck/purchased '07	28,605				83,520						
2009 Truck/purchase '08						109,131					
2010 Truck/purchase '10								103,986			
Wood Chipper										3,500	
Other- Equip Fuel Tank							249.48				
Balance in Savings Jan 1	137,855	113,566	23,161	20,548	65,782	72,660	58,888	133,895	105,163	180,428	196,636
Annual Deposit	40,000	40,000	40,000	45,000	90,000	95,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	70,000
Annual Expense	(66,122)	(131,104)	(42,736)	-	(83,520)	(109,131)	(249)	(103,986)	-	(59,000)	-
Annual Interest Earned	1,833	699	123	234	398	359	256	254	265	208	300
Balance in Savings Dec 31	113,566	23,161	20,548	65,782	72,660	58,888	133,895	105,163	180,428	196,636	266,936

2012 Town Employee Compensation

Employee Name Position	2012 Pay Rate	Gross Wages	Retirement	Bonus	Health Ins	FICA	Total Compensation
Fred Lakin Road Foreman	20.47 Hourly	48,300.08	3,146.01	100.00	11,854.76	3,702.64	67,103.49
Gordon Peterson Road Crew P.T.	17.84 Hourly	6,549.33				501.02	7,050.35
Nelson Elder Road Crew	16.65 Hourly	32,282.32	2,104.84	100.00	11,854.76	2,477.28	48,819.20
Stan Kosakowski Road Crew	15.69 Hourly	35,473.53	2,312.16	100.00	11,854.76	2,721.33	52,461.78
Larry Welch Road Foreman	16.34 Hourly	37,483.06	2,442.84	100.00	6,796.96	2,874.91	49,697.77
Marsha Nelson Town Clerk	398.90 Weekly	21,408.45	1,398.05	100.00	11,854.76	1,734.44	36,495.70
Cindy Orr Asst. Treas.	9.72 Hourly	369.36		100.00		35.91	505.27
Cheryl Slayton Treasurer	316.35 Weekly	16,723.85			11,854.76	1,279.34	29,857.95
Elizabeth Beauvais Asst. Town Cl.	9.72 Hourly	19.44				1.49	20.93
Christine Elder Asst. Town Cl.	9.72 Hourly	155.52				11.89	167.41
Mary Dole Asst. Town Cl.	9.72 Hourly	233.28				17.84	251.12
Richard Fraser Auditor	11.49 Hourly	135.41				10.35	145.76
Barbara Smith Auditor	11.49 Hourly	86.18				6.59	92.77
Thomas Dole Auditor	11.49 Hourly	132.95				10.15	143.10
Dale Wright Tax Collector	8% Collection Fee	9,946.16				760.90	10,707.06
Beverly Allen Lister	14.09 Hourly	169.09				12.93	182.02
Joan Smith Lister	14.09 Hourly	3,104.61				237.46	3,342.07
Regina Hazel Lister	14.09 Hourly	4,856.09				371.47	5,227.56
Elizabeth Beauvais Lister	14.09 Hourly	4,308.50				329.60	4,638.10
Gene Perkins Recycling	10.00 Hourly	2,220.00				169.85	2,389.85
Andrew Smith Selectboard	Annual	1,000.00				76.50	1,076.50
Grant Nelson Selectboard	Annual	1,000.00				76.50	1,076.50
Paul Keenan Selectboard	Annual	1,000.00				76.50	1,076.50
		226,957.21	11,403.90	600.00	66,070.76	17,496.89	322,528.76
		Add'l Employer Costs:		Worker's Compensation Ins.			7,784.00
				Road Crew Uniforms/Laundry Service			5,060.74
				Unemployment Ins.			1,058.00
				TOTAL EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION			336,431.50

Balance Sheet Comparison

Current Assets:	12/31/2011	12/31/2012
Wells River - Checking	\$ 7,354.91	\$ 14,093.08
Petty Cash	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00
Wells River Savings- Debit Card Account	\$ 504.58	\$ 256.15
Wells River Savings - Money Market Account	\$ 404,131.20	\$ 315,977.00
Woodsville Savings- Money Market Account	\$ 159,595.73	\$ 160,373.88
Passumpsic Savings Bank- Money Market Acct	\$ 75,520.34	\$ 250,817.94
2010 Property Tax	\$ 21,079.29	\$ 1,789.48
2011 Property Tax	\$ 87,570.67	\$ 47,077.14
2012 Property Tax		\$ 102,304.55
Irene Flood Receivable		\$ 12,926.16
So. Ryegate Sewer Rec.	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
East Ryegate Sewer Rec	\$ 3,067.38	\$ 2,947.78
Town of Groton- Recycling Rec.	\$ 1,416.45	\$ 687.80
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 763,770.55	\$ 911,780.96
Current Liabilities:	12/31/2011	12/31/2012
Accounts Payable	\$ 14,904.76	\$ 7,250.00
Fica Withheld		\$ (0.01)
State Withheld		\$ 0.55
Prepaid Property Tax 2012	\$ 227.43	
Prepaid Property Tax 2013		\$ 250.00
Due To Other Accounts	\$ 8,750.53	\$ 77,392.85
Whitehill Road Project- Better Back Roads	\$ (11,810.10)	
Due to Recycling Grant		\$ 2,200.00
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$ 12,072.62	\$ 87,093.39
Fund Balances:	12/31/2011	12/31/2012
Fund Balance-Prior Year	\$ 537,449.22	\$ 597,002.46
Fund Balance- Reappraisal	\$ 36,842.35	\$ 44,100.35
Fund Balance- Town Highway	\$ 59,428.06	\$ 109,889.47
Fund Balance- So. Rye Sew	\$ 35,451.61	\$ 35,119.71
Fund Balance- Sand Shed	\$ 20,000.00	
Fund Balance- Roads	\$ 22,741.79	\$ 22,741.79
Fund Balance- Creamery Road Bridge		\$ 50,000.00
Fund Balance- Br. 42&43	\$ 1,423.79	\$ 1,423.79
Fund Balance- Restoration	\$ 11,381.45	\$ 12,564.45
Current Year Earnings	\$ 26,979.66	\$ (48,154.45)
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	\$ 751,697.93	\$ 824,687.57
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 763,770.55	\$ 911,780.96

Comparative Budget REVENUES

Revenues	2012 Budget	2012 Actual	2013 Budget
Real Property Taxes	\$2,576,349.29	\$2,474,702.73	\$2,800,408.72
Pilot	\$1,500.00	\$1,540.35	\$1,500.00
Equalized Grand List Maintenance	\$0.00	\$390.64	\$0.00
Interest - Delinquent Tax	\$4,000.00	\$10,164.12	\$4,000.00
Tax Collectors 8%	\$0.00	\$9,946.16	\$0.00
Liquor Licenses	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Permits/Zoning & Planning	\$200.00	\$146.00	\$200.00
Marriage Licenses	\$0.00	\$550.00	\$0.00
State Aid For Highways	\$110,000.00	\$91,436.68	\$110,000.00
Town Clerk Fees	\$8,000.00	\$12,676.66	\$10,000.00
Dog License Male	\$300.00	\$376.00	\$300.00
Dog License Female	\$300.00	\$200.00	\$300.00
Dog License Neuter/Spay	\$1,000.00	\$1,492.00	\$1,000.00
Dog Licenses-Special	\$0.00	\$88.00	\$0.00
Interest Income	\$5,000.00	\$3,602.98	\$4,000.00
Traffic Control	\$250.00	\$192.81	\$250.00
Flood Funds	\$0.00	\$12,926.16	\$0.00
Highway Insurance Revenue	\$0.00	\$1,340.00	\$0.00
Highway Equipment Grant	\$0.00	\$116.33	\$0.00
Recycling Grant Revenue	\$0.00	\$2,200.00	\$0.00
Town of Groton- Recycling Building	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Hold Harmless- State of Vermont	\$0.00	\$36,425.00	\$0.00
Revenues Total	\$2,708,449.29	\$2,662,062.62	\$2,933,508.72

Comparative Budget EXPENSES

Expenses	2012 Budget	2012 Actual	2013 Budget
Elected and Appointed Officials			
Animal Care	1,000.00	\$480.00	500.00
Auditors Salaries	1,000.00	354.54	500.00
Auditors Supplies/TR Del	50.00	0.00	50.00
Ballot Clerk Salaries	750.00	1,066.41	750.00
Cemetery Appropriation	8,550.00	8,550.00	8,500.00
Cemetery Fencing & Repair	2,500.00	2,515.68	500.00
Dog Catcher Expense	750.00	175.04	750.00
Dog Catcher Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00
Health Officer Expense	50.00	0.00	50.00
Lister's Computer Support	2,000.00	1,901.81	2,000.00
Listers Salaries	15,000.00	12,438.29	15,000.00
Listers Supplies & Exp	500.00	403.52	500.00
Lister's Telephone	450.00	432.83	450.00
Recycling Coordinator	3,000.00	2,220.00	1,500.00
Selectmen's Salaries	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Tax Collector's 8%	0.00	9,946.16	0.00
Tax Collector's Expense	200.00	180.00	200.00
Town Officers - Conf/Mtgs	1,000.00	582.50	500.00
Town Patrol Sheriff Contract	3,000.00	2,775.00	3,000.00
Zoning/Planning Comm.	200.00	0.00	200.00
Total	43,000.00	47,021.78	37,950.00

Comparative Budget EXPENSES

Town Offices			
Marriage License Fees	0.00	385.00	0.00
Medical Office	23,709.52	23,709.52	25,548.88
Retirement Town Office	1,350.00	1,398.05	1,375.00
State Dog License Fees	1,000.00	904.00	1,000.00
Town Officers- Mach & Repair	100.00	249.00	100.00
Town Officers- Mach & Equip.	300.00	0.00	900.00
Town Officers - Dog Fees	500.00	452.00	450.00
Town Officers - Fuel Oil	2,500.00	2,574.31	2,500.00
Town Officers - Groundwrk	950.00	1,130.00	1,000.00
Town Officers - Postage	1,100.00	913.70	1,000.00
Town Clerk Salaries	21,000.00	21,056.45	21,000.00
Assistant Town Clerk Salaries	400.00	408.24	400.00
Town Treasurer Salaries	17,000.00	16,723.85	17,000.00
Assistant Town Treasurer Salaries	550.00	469.36	550.00
Town Officers - Supplies	1,200.00	1,643.50	1,500.00
Town Officers - Telephone & Internet+	1,200.00	1,005.11	1,100.00
Town Officers - Utilities	950.00	881.75	900.00
Town Officer's Comp Sup	2,000.00	1,896.44	2,000.00
Website	600.00	250.32	300.00
Workers Comp office	240.00	184.00	230.00
Total	76,649.52	76,234.60	78,853.88
General	2012 Budget	2012 Actual	2013 Budget
Ambulance	14,700.00	14,700.00	14,675.00
Appraisal Consulting	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
Beach - Repairs & Maint	2,200.00	2,283.86	2,200.00
Celebration- Town (250 years)	1,500.00	1,500.00	2,500.00
Cemetery Flags	250.00	256.32	250.00
County Tax	10,782.30	10,782.30	20,798.24
Elections - Telephone	0.00	320.92	0.00
Elections - Advertising	75.00	0.00	0.00
Fast Squad- Groton/Ryegate	6,000.00	6,000.00	8,000.00
FICA - Employer	18,000.00	17,496.88	18,000.00
Fire Warden Expense	300.00	239.50	300.00
Legal Fees	3,500.00	1,490.00	2,000.00
External Audit	15,000.00	14,500.00	0.00
Tax Sale Notice	0.00	152.25	0.00
Meeting/Bid Advertising	100.00	62.00	100.00
Recycling	2,000.00	945.82	1,500.00
Recycling Building- Maintenance	3,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Recycling Grant Expense	0.00	2,200.00	0.00
Ryegate Green Up	150.00	84.89	100.00
Ryegate Green Up - Disposal	500.00	474.10	500.00
Ryegate Historical Society	200.00	200.00	200.00
Tax Abatement/Reimburse	0.00	384.91	0.00
Tax Maps	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
Town Building Rep & Maint	2,500.00	1,596.46	2,500.00
Town Report	1,700.00	1,870.08	1,700.00
Town Report- Mailing	250.00	186.47	175.00
VLCT Dues	1,940.00	1,940.00	1,972.00
VLCT PACIF	18,048.00	16,178.00	18,852.00
Total	104,195.30	95,844.76	100,322.24

Comparative Budget EXPENSES

Fire Department	2012 Budget	2012Actual	2013 Budget
Vol Fire Dept - 2005 Fire Truck	17,148.23	17,148.23	17,148.23
Vol Fire Dept - Bldg (SR)	5,000.00	4,705.31	500.00
Vol Fire Dept - Buildings (RC)	500.00	400.00	2,800.00
Vol Fire Dept - Diesel	1,500.00	830.34	1,500.00
Vol Fire Dept - Dispatch	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Vol Fire Dept - Dry Hyd.	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Vol Fire Dept - Dues	900.00	562.96	750.00
Vol Fire Dept - Dumpster	200.00	169.79	200.00
Vol Fire Dept - Eq Repl F	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Vol Fire Dept - Fuel Oil (RC)	3,000.00	3,141.81	3,000.00
Vol Fire Dept- Fuel Oil (SR)	700.00	729.55	700.00
Vol Fire Dept - Gasoline	200.00	91.94	200.00
Vol Fire Dept Ins/Acc	2,000.00	1,974.00	2,000.00
Vol Fire Dept - Mach & Eq (SR)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Vol Fire Dept - Mach & Eq (RC)	10,000.00	9,506.23	10,000.00
Vol Fire Dept - Repairs	2,500.00	3,458.35	4,000.00
Vol Fire Dept - Supplies	1,000.00	1,408.17	1,500.00
Vol Fire Dept - Telephone	1,000.00	957.71	1,000.00
Vol Fire Dept - Training	2,000.00	1,884.67	2,000.00
Vol Fire Dept - Utilities (RC)	1,000.00	987.60	1,000.00
Vol Fire Dept - Util (SR)	450.00	433.36	450.00
Vol Fire Dept- Admin	6,000.00	5,943.36	6,000.00
Vol Fire Dept - Workers Comp	966.00	1,338.00	1,315.00
Total	59,564.23	57,171.38	59,563.23
Transfer to FD Eq Repl Fund		2,392.85	
Fire Department Grand Total	59,564.23	59,564.23	59,563.23
Contributions			
Contribution - American Red Cross	200.00	200.00	200.00
Contribution - Little League	100.00	100.00	100.00
Contribution - Catamount Arts	400.00	400.00	400.00
Contribution - 4th of July Committee	200.00	200.00	200.00
Contribution - Groton Food Shelf	300.00	300.00	300.00
Contribution - Home Health Care	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Contribution - Kingdom Animal Shelter	500.00	500.00	500.00
Contribution - Libraries	200.00	200.00	200.00
Contribution- Little Rivers Health	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Contribution - NEK Human Svcs.	500.00	500.00	500.00
Contribution - NEK Adult Education	200.00	200.00	200.00
Contribution - NEK Youth Services	250.00	250.00	250.00
Contribution - No VT Development A.	500.00	500.00	500.00
Contribution - Oxbow Sen Independence	300.00	300.00	300.00
Contribution - Rur Comm Transp.	850.00	850.00	850.00
Contribution - Umbrella	400.00	400.00	400.00
Contribution - VT Cent for Indep Living	265.00	265.00	265.00
Contribution - VT Green-Up	25.00	25.00	25.00
Contribution - VT Office of Aging	300.00	300.00	300.00
Total	8,490.00	8,490.00	8,490.00

Comparative Budget EXPENSES

Highway Department	2012 Budget	2012 Actual	2013 Budget
2001 Loader	4,000.00	912.32	0.00
2011 Loader	0.00	2,914.14	4,000.00
2004 Grader	6,800.00	6,446.84	6,800.00
2006 Chevy Truck/Plow/Sander	2,500.00	4,577.73	5,600.00
2008 Int'l Truck/Plow/Sander	2,500.00	9,085.98	5,600.00
2009 Int'l Truck/Plow/Sander	2,500.00	7,480.18	5,600.00
2011 Int'l Truck/Plow/Sander	2,500.00	1,161.67	5,600.00
Wood Chipper	0.00	223.84	500.00
Class IV Roads	2,000.00	810.36	1,000.00
Cold Patch	500.00	408.00	500.00
Culvert Steamer	250.00	0.00	250.00
Diesel	45,000.00	38,273.25	45,000.00
Equipment Rent	6,000.00	5,730.00	6,000.00
Fuel Oil	4,500.00	3,380.85	4,000.00
Gasoline	8,000.00	8,088.99	8,000.00
Gravel	65,000.00	43,879.39	60,000.00
Guard Rails	3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00
Highway Insurance Claim	0.00	2,110.53	0.00
Machine Fund	75,000.00	75,000.00	70,000.00
Creamery Road Bridge Fund	50,000.00	50,000.00	10,000.00
Medical Roads	42,361.24	42,361.24	45,661.12
Motor Oil	1,750.00	1,719.54	1,750.00
Physicals- Road Crew	500.00	425.00	500.00
Repairs- Other	500.00	0.00	500.00
Retirement Road Crew	10,500.00	10,005.85	10,500.00
Road Repairs	5,000.00	451.80	2,500.00
Road Resurfacing	100,000.00	108,130.44	100,000.00
Road Claims Paid***	0.00	(14,382.49)	0.00
Road Signs	500.00	0.00	500.00
Roadside Mowing	5,000.00	5,534.14	5,000.00
Summer Road Cal. Chloride	4,000.00	4,882.32	4,000.00
Summer Road Culverts	3,000.00	4,149.60	3,000.00
Summer Road- Labor	68,000.00	64,546.85	68,000.00
Supplies	5,000.00	3,801.65	5,000.00
Telephone	600.00	535.01	600.00
Tires	5,500.00	4,783.63	5,500.00
Tools	1,000.00	1,054.34	1,000.00
Town Garage Upkeep	1,500.00	1,883.93	1,500.00
Training	500.00	75.00	250.00
Tree Removal/Brush Cutting	2,500.00	880.00	1,500.00
Uniforms	5,000.00	5,060.74	5,000.00
Utilities	1,500.00	1,507.57	1,500.00
VLCT Unemployment	1,057.00	1,058.00	411.00
Winter - Labor	100,000.00	95,941.47	100,000.00
Winter Road - Salt	13,000.00	13,309.43	13,000.00
Winter Road - Sand	12,000.00	11,817.51	13,000.00
Workers Comp Road Crew	7,500.00	7,600.00	8,963.00
	678,318.24	637,616.64	641,085.12
Transfer to Highway Fund Balance		40,701.60	
	678,318.24	678,318.24	641,085.12
Road Claim Paid-****		14,382.49	
Highway Department Grand Total	678,318.24	692,700.73	641,085.12
Municipal Expenses Total	970,217.29	979,856.10	926,264.47
School Appropriation			
BMU Bond	66,991.00	66,991.00	
BMU School	1,671,241.00	1,663,391.97	2,007,244.25
School Appropriation Total	1,738,232.00	1,730,382.97	2,007,244.25
Grand Total Expenses	2,708,449.29	2,710,239.07	2,933,508.72

Fund Balance Changes

CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES 2011 TO 2012			
Fund Balances:	12/31/2011	Changes	12/31/2012
Fund Balance-Prior Year	\$ 537,449.22	\$ 59,553.24	\$ 597,002.46
(Prior Year Earnings)	\$ 537,449.22		\$ 597,002.46
Fund Balance- Reappraisal	\$ 36,842.35	\$ 7,258.00	\$ 44,100.35
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Fund Balance- Roads	\$ 22,741.79	\$ -	\$ 22,741.79
Fund Balance- Creamery Road Bridge		\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
Fund Balance- Br. 42&43	\$ 1,423.79		\$ 1,423.79
Fund Balance- Restoration	\$ 11,381.45	\$ 1,183.00	\$ 12,564.45
	\$ 187,269.05	\$ 88,570.51	\$ 275,839.56
Fund Balance- Current	\$ 26,979.66		\$ (48,154.45)
(Current Year Earnings)	\$ 26,979.66		\$ (48,154.45)
TOTAL FUND BALANCE LIABILITY	\$ 751,697.93		\$ 824,687.57
Changes:			
Fund Balance - Prior Year - Net Income 26,979.66		Audit Adj.-Property Tax Rev. 13,597.00	Audit Adj.-Due from B M U 18,976.58
Reappraisal - FY12 Per Parcel Payment from State of VT	7258.00		
Town Highway - Audit Adjustment to record transfer to cover cost above & beyond grant	-3,166.35		
Audit Adjustment to record transfer due to additional grant	12,926.16		
To record Highway Expense to Fund Balance	40,701.60		
South Ryegate Sewer - Net loss in 2012	-331.90		
Sand Shed - Town approval to move balance to Gravel Account	- 20,000.00		
Creamery Road Bridge - Town meeting approval of fund contribution to repair or replace Creamery Rd Bridge	50,000.00		
Restoration - A percentage of Town Clerk Fees collected in 2012	1183.00		
Fund Balance - Current (-48,154.45)	Expenses exceeded Revenues -34,557.45	and Audit Adj. Deferred Tax Revenue	-13,597.00
This report is to reflect the Fund Balance Changes that took place during 2012.			

Allocation of 2012 Taxes

<u>Rate Name</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>X Grand List</u>	<u>Total Raised</u>
Non-Residential	1.4745	681,015.32	1,004,157.
Homestead Education	1.4465	681,222.88	985,388.
Local Agreement	0.0020	1,360,699.66	2,721.
Highway Tax	0.4324	1,360,699.66	588,366.
Town Tax	0.1367	1,360,699.66	186,007.
Total Tax			2,766,639.

Listers' Report

The Listers assess all properties within the Town of Ryegate. Additionally, we maintain an accurate Grand List by reviewing and updating all property transfers, tax maps, permit work, deeds, surveys, and the Current Use Program.

As of January 2013, Ryegate's CLA (Common Level of Appraisal) has risen from 93.59 to 97.89%. This change reflects values closer to Fair Market Value. Our COD (Coefficient of Dispersion) of 9.19% continues to reflect a relatively high level of equity across taxpayers' assessments.

Our Tax Mapper will be updating maps this year, and the new tax maps will be available in the Town Clerk's Office after September. We strongly recommend that you check your property location and acreage on the tax map; let us know if you feel there is any incorrect information.

IMPORTANT: Taxpayers must again file yearly a **Vermont Homestead Declaration** due April 15, 2013. The state form is HS-122 and also contains the **Property Tax Adjustment Claim**. HS-122's can be obtained online (www.tax.vermont.gov), or from the Income Tax Return booklet or your tax preparer.

REMINDERS:

Please notify the Listers of any change of address, or any changes to your property—including new construction, or major renovations to basements, attics, or unfinished areas. In addition, let us know of any removal of property including tear downs and blow downs.

Please share any surveys you have for your property with the Town Office. Certified surveys are important in creating accurate tax maps and are considered the strongest determinant of parcel ownership, i.e., exact location, size, acreage, etc.

Current Use Program applications are available in the Town Office. Landowners currently enrolled must notify the State of any changes in ownership name and/or acreage (including excluded acreage). Questions about the program can be directed to Property Valuation and Review at 802 828-6636.

Please notify the Listers' office to obtain a 9-1-1 number for new construction.

Listers' Office hours are on Tuesdays. Please call the office for an appointment at 584-4247 or the Town Clerk at 584-3880.

Ryegate Listers- Betty Beauvais, Regina Hazel, Bev Allen

Understanding Your Property Tax Bill

Your property tax bill is broken down to show education, highway and town taxes and their respective rates. Your total tax rate is the sum of these rates.

The tax rate is per \$100 of your assessment; therefore, to figure the tax you owe, first move the decimal point in your assessment two places to the left, then multiply that number by the total tax rate.

Sample Tax Bill:

<u>Your Assessment</u>	<u>Tax Rate (per \$100)</u>	<u>Tax Due</u>
\$200,000.00 (Homestead)	2.0176	\$4035.20
\$200,000.00 (Non-residential)	2.0456	\$4091.20

List of Vendors

Vendor	Amount	Vendor	Amount
21st Mortgage Corp	10.00	Dufresne & Associates	220.50
646 Fairpoint Communications	2,712.18	E J Prescott Inc	1,166.49
656-FairPoint Communications	539.40	Earl Ashcroft	112.71
4 Imprint	354.29	Earthchem Incorporated	1,668.80
Agway	429.98	Elizabeth Beauvais	148.67
Airgas East	158.52	Endyne, Inc	290.00
Albert Sponheimer	470.00	Everett J. Prescott, Inc	12,155.17
All Tire, LLC	476.37	Fire Rescue Outfitters, Inc.	482.80
All Around Power Equipment	352.00	Fisher Auto Parts	1,654.03
Alley's Market	184.89	Flanders Signs	150.00
American Rock Salt Company LLC	11,640.63	Foggs Hardware	565.87
American Red Cross	200.00	Fothergill Segale & Valley	21,250.00
Apex Software	195.00	Fred Lakin- Highway Supplies	41.81
Auto Mall	2,308.56	Fremont Nelson Lawns	880.00
B-B Chain, Inc	597.85	G & B Electric	129.40
B & B Septic	5,522.50	Gateway	799.96
Blue Cross Blue Shield of VT	55,070.76	Gene Perkins- Fire Dept.	708.48
Betsy Pelletier	100.00	Gene Perkins-Fire Dept Supplies	240.57
Blue Mountain Little League	100.00	Gidding Manufacturing Co., Inc	4,149.60
Blue Mountain Union School	1,730,382.97	Grafton County Sheriff's Dept	1,500.00
Wesley Wilson	2,327.50	Green Mountain Monogram	990.00
Bond Auto Parts	61.22	Green Mountain Power	4,031.14
Brandon Perkins-Fire Dept	98.40	Groton - Ryegate Fast Squad	6,000.00
Brian Craig - Fire Dept.	255.84	Groton Volunteer Fire Dept.	92.23
The Bridge Weekly Sho-Case	124.70	Groton Food Shelf	300.00
Busy "B" Line Service	587.50	Harold Scott	890.00
CALCO INC	4,816.20	Caledonia Home Health	1,000.00
Caledonia County Sheriff's Department	2,775.00	Howard P. Fairfield, LLC	12,065.26
Caledonian-Record	84.00	IDS	109.76
Calkins Portable Toilets	453.00	Interstate Battery	398.85
Camerota	500.00	J & B International Trucks, Inc.	843.61
Capital Fire Mutual Aid	315.00	Jacob Cochran - Fire Dept	88.56
Catamount Arts	400.00	Law Office of Jeffrey Taylor	1,427.91
Vermont Center for Independent Living	265.00	Joan Smith- Lister Supplies & Postage	92.56
Champlain Valley Printing	1,405.55	John Deere Financial	86.19
Charles Fisher- Fire Dept.	511.68	Joshua Kennedy- Fire Dept.	118.08
Chase & Chase	715.00	Journal Opinion, Inc	344.10
Chief Logging & Construction Inc.	133,939.14	Kansas State Bank	17,148.23
Christopher Chartier- Fire Dept.	610.08	K&T Environmental Equipment, Inc.	5,603.00
Cindy Orr- Town Office Supplies	2.95	Kristine Elder	208.08
Clark's Truck Center	4,073.09	Kingdom Animal Shelter	500.00
Copies & More	727.51	Kofile Preservation, Inc	277.38
Corey Electric	140.49	L. G. Page Roofing	1,429.00
Cottage Hospital	275.00	Larry Welch - Highway Supplies	7.96
County Treasurer	10,782.30	Lauren Collins	464.53
Dads 4 By Tool and Supply	645.17	Levi Welch- Fire Dept.	236.16
Damian Smith	250.00	Little River's Health Care	2,150.00
Darlings Auto Repair, Inc	95.04	Lowell Mcleods, Inc.	4,645.61
Darlings Service Center of Ryegate, LLC	105.00	Makayla Perkins- Fire Dept.	669.12
Darryl Perkins- Fire Dept.	551.04	Marsha Nelson- Town Supplies & Retirem.	1,403.25
Darryl Perkins - Fire Dept. Supplies	84.89	Mary Dole	234.09
Davey Tree Expert Company	880.00	Gary Mason	575.00
David Bogie Contracting	191.25	McCullough Crushing, Inc.	31,673.25

List of Vendors

Vendor Expense- continued	Amount	Vendor	Amount
Steve Kimball Repair	722.00	Ryegate Fire Dept	3,438.82
Tenco New England, Inc.	3,777.50	Ryegate Historical Society	255.71
Thomas Cole - Fire Dept	836.40	Sanel Auto Parts Co	30.53
Merchants Bank	2,000.00	Scott Stuart	150.00
Meyers Container Corp.	3,717.70	South Ryegate Library	600.00
Napa Auto Parts	3,325.21	Stan's Excavating	5,730.00
Neil Emerson - Fire Dept	472.32	State of Vermont	239.50
Northeast Kingdom Learning Services	200.00	State of Vermont- Wastewater Testing	150.00
Northeast Kingdom Waste Management	998.10	Tiffany Rogers- Fire Dept.	334.56
Northeast Kingdom Youth Services	250.00	Town of Haverhill	480.00
Nelson Elder - Highway Supplies	41.25	Town of Ryegate	8,750.53
NEMRC	2,487.03	Track-Side Farm & Garden	4,860.00
New England Truck Tire	1,706.01	Trend	117.41
Newbury Village Store	204.77	Twin State Mutual Aid Fire Assoc.	555.96
NEK Mental Health	500.00	U I Insurance Services Inc.	1,974.00
Nortrax, Inc.	55,500.00	Umbrella	400.00
NVDA	500.00	UniFirst	5,060.74
Oakes Brother Inc.	1,985.51	United States Postmaster	1,274.97
Oxbow Senior Independence Program	300.00	UVM Extension	180.00
Paige Computer	55.00	Vermont Area Office on Aging	300.00
Passumpsic Sav Bank- Funds Transfer	175,000.00	Vermont Department of Health	10.50
Patricia Crocker	260.10	Vermont Fire Extinguisher	124.30
Paul Keenan	307.13	Vermont Green Up	25.00
Penny L. Lezer - Fire Dept	275.52	Vt Recreational Surfacing	2,282.00
Pete's Rubbish	1,463.48	Vermont State Treasurer	1,289.00
Pete's Tire Barns, Inc	1,725.00	Vermont Department of Taxes	5,917.85
Pike Industries, Inc	408.00	VLCT	2,160.00
Powers Plumbing & Heating	761.59	VLCT Prop & Casualty Interm. Fund, Inc.	25,650.00
Power Plan	3,714.96	VLCT Unemployment Ins Trust Inc	1,058.00
Rachael Anne Barton - Fire Dept	177.12	VMERS DB	24,245.37
Railway Farm & Garden	50.00	VMHA	75.00
Ralph L. Osgood, Inc	4,925.35	Vermont State Firefighters' Assoc.	292.00
Rural Community Transportation, Inc	850.00	Vt Office of Child Support	4,771.02
Reed Supply	856.15	Walter E. Jock Oil Co., Inc.	57,247.28
Regina Hazel	519.32	Wells River Savings	5,000.00
Rick Colby	3,137.50	Winget's Ground Maintenance	400.00
Rinker Communication	4,426.85	Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank	4,442.31
Robert Zambon	3,951.80	Woodsville Area Fourth of July Com.	200.00
Ronald L. Erskine	94.84	Woodsville Fire District	14,700.00
Ross Business Center	318.95	wyBatap	223.50
Rowden Bros. Co., Inc.	2,870.80	Zuccaro, Willis & Sipples	775.00
Ryegate Cemetery Commission	8,550.00	Various- Tax and Payable Overpayments	4,757.39
		TOTAL	2,610,023.72

Justices of the Peace

Justices of the Peace, elected to office, who make up the Board of Civil Authority. The new term began February 1, 2013, and runs for two years.

Catherine Davie
Jamie O'Connor

Darcy Nelson
Nancy Perkins

Jennifer Nelson
Robert Rowden

Dwight White

Town Clerk's Dog License Report

Rabies Vaccination: All dogs must be vaccinated against rabies. The town Clerk is required to see evidence that all dogs are currently protected against rabies. The law requires that a dog of less than 2 years of age shall have been vaccinated within the past 12 months. After its second rabies shot, an adult dog should be vaccinated every 36 months (3 years). A dog must wear its tag.

Due date: License fees may be paid after Jan 1 and are due April 1 and subject to a 50% penalty after April 1.

Fee: Due to State regulations, licensing fees are \$12 for males, females or wolf hybrids: \$8 for each neutered dog or wolf hybrid. \$4 from each license is forwarded to the State Treasurer.

Remember: Ryegate enforces a Civil Dog Ordinance (leash law). The Town is in need of an Animal Control Officer. Please contact the town office.

27 -Males-----\$ 352.00

16 Females----- \$ 200.00

180 Spayed/Neutered \$1,478.00

2 Kennels-----\$88.00

Total Receipts----\$2,118.00

Less Fees Paid Town Clerk \$452.00

Less State Rabies Fees--- \$904.00

Net Revenue-----\$762.00

Delinquent Taxes

SOUTH RYEGATE VILLAGE LIGHTING DISTRICT

SOUTH RYEGATE, VT 05069

DELINQUENT TAX REPORT

Carolyn Adams:	2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012
Karen & Donna Bickel:	2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012
Christopher Cartier:	2011, 2012
Robert Davis:	2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012
William & Christy Dickie:	2012
Jeanne Emmons:	2012
Pat & Cindy Enger:	2010, 2011, 2012
Larry & Debra Hart:	2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012
William & Loren Hosmer:	2011, 2012
Dan & Mary Florentine:	2012
Ryan Karpuska:	2009, 2010, 2011, 2012
Robert & Barbara Mace:	2012
Tim Menk:	2011, 2012
Timothy & Colleen Page:	2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012
Francis & Betty Patton:	2011, 2012
Angela Paye:	2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012
Doug & April Paye:	2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012
Tracy Phelps:	2012
Troy & Jessica Sanborn:	2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012
Forrest Shangraw:	2012
Leonard & Susan Spencer:	2010, 2011, 2012
Shane & Heidi Temple:	2012

Delinquent Taxes

2012 SOUTH RYEGATE SEWER TAXES			2012 DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES, CONT.		
Page, Tim & Colleen	\$	500.00	Caswell, Kathy		
Spencer, Leonard	\$	1,000.00	Christy, Terry & Robin		
Total Due by Report Printing	\$	1,500.00	Coley, Frederick & Joyce		
Total Paid Since 12/31/11	\$	1,000.00	Cox, Kathryn		
Total Due 12/31/11	\$	2,500.00	Danforth, Justin		
			Davis, Robert L.		
			Emerson, Brenda		
			Englert, George E.		
			Farley, Daniel & Barbara		
			Farris, Michael & Marilyn		
			Fellows, Scott D.		
			Fortunati, Michael		
			Haskell, Elizabeth		
			Hencler, Andrew		
			Jackson, Mark & Brenda		
			Johnson, Robert C. Jr.		
			Kalnins, Peter & Michelle		
			Karpuska, Ryan		
			Katsenes, William		
			Laundry, Marshall Life Lease		
			Longmeadow Inn		
			Longmoore, Andrew		
			Mace, Robert & Barbara		
			Makris, Victor Trustee		
			Menk, Timothy		
			Moulton, Cary & Mary		
			Murray, Gordon & Patsy		
			Nickel, Virgil & Karen		
			Page, Timothy & Colleen		
			Pelletier, Carlton		
			Peters, Christopher		
			Phelps, Tracy & Sherri		
			Potter, Bradley M & Beth		
			Potter, Lana L.		
			Rice, Kenneth		
			Robertson, Walter J.		
			Sheppard, Ann		
			Smyth, Judy A		
			Spencer, Leonard & Susan		
			Stewart, Kevin Stewart, Sonia		
			Sulham, Jason Robert		
			United Presbyterian Church		
			Vaine, Wallace		
			Vaine, Wallace George		
			Wilson, Eugenia		
			Wright, James & Patti-Jo		
			Yaroshevich, George		
			Zwicker, Leon P.		
			Total Due by Report Printing	\$	92,889.62
			Total Paid Since 12/31/12	\$	9,414.93
			Total Due 12/31/12	\$	102,304.55
			Due to the recent Vermont Supreme Court decision on the disclosure of confidential tax bill information, we have not included the amount of the delinquency for any individual property.		

Ryegate Fire Warden Report

Ryegate had two Wild Land fires this year, the first on April 21 at Symes Pond burning a couple acres with an unknown cause. The second fire was on August 5 in the Pine Mountain State Land off of Barr Drive. This one was a lightning strike 3 days earlier that burned an area 30 feet across but under ground a couple of feet.

A burn permit is required for any outside burning unless there is snow coverage on the site. Even when a permit is not required a phone call is much appreciated as our dispatch is notified also. Without a call you could have a number of fire apparatus and firefighters at the site of the burn.

To request a Permit:

Gene A. Perkins 584-3611
Fremont Nelson 584-3667

Respectfully Submitted
Gene A. Perkins Warden

Ryegate Fire Department Report

This year we enclosed and installed a window to the outside, the area above the kitchen and toilet to make a meeting room and an office. We acquired several pieces of office equipment from IBM at no cost. We now have space that is dry, dust free and in one location for the departments office. The fire departments office before this time was in my house. Did not realize how much time i spent on fire department business until I had to come to the station to do it. The station in South Ryegate got stained and looks good. Our membership of new and younger members grew by a couple and the active members has increased.

We wish to thank the community for your continued support to the Ryegate Fire Department.

This years responses are as follows:

Structure Fire	2
Accidents	11
Chimney Fire	3
Unpermitted	1
Mutual Aid	7
Lines Down	1
Wild Land	2
Investigation	1
Trash	1

Respectfully Submitted
Gene A. Perkins Chief

Town Property & Equipment Inventory

REAL ESTATE

Town House & Contents	\$109,900.00
Town Clerk's Office	157,400.00
Storage Shed	19,300.00
Corner Fire Station	99,500.00
Concession Stand & Contents	14,000.00
So. Ryegate Fire Station	75,800.00
Town Garage & Contents	156,700.00
Historical Society Building	155,300.00
Recycling Building	<u>52,400.00</u>
Total Real Estate	\$840,300.00

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT

2011 John Deere Loader	95,500.00
2004 John Deere Grader	131,104.00
2006 Chevrolet Truck & Sander	28,000.00
2008 International Truck & Plow	37,440.00
2009 International Truck & Plow	83,520.00
2010 International Truck & Plow	109,131.00
New plow	4,290.00
Wood Chipper	3,500.00
Culvert Thawer & Trailer	8,000.00
Miscellaneous equipment	<u>7,500.00</u>
TOTAL HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT	\$507,985.00

TOWN CLERK & TREASURER'S OFFICE:

Desks, Tables, Chairs, Files	3500.00
Typewriter	200.00
2 Calculators	200.00
1 Copier	2,500.00
Computers	4,000.00
FAX Machine	<u>300.00</u>
	\$10,700.00

TOTAL ALL PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT

Town Report 2012	-----
	\$1,358,985.00

Cemetery Commissioners Narrative

Cemetery Commissioners met periodically throughout 2012 and conducted business when necessary by telephone. (10) lots were sold in Blue Mtn to (2) families and (2) lots in Pinehurst to (1) family. There is no available space left in Hillside or Hall Cemetery; however we do have an occasional burial in Hillside. Anyone wishing to purchase a lot can contact Bill Nelson for Blue Mt. and Rick Colby for Pinehurst Cemetery. They have the maps showing the availability and locations.

The entrance cemetery gates in Hillside were replaced this past year by Vermont Recreation, Monroe, NH. This included the main entrance and walk-in gates (on Rte 302), and the side gate bordering the Davidson property. This improvement was long overdue. Additionally, an established boundary fence bordering Pinehurst and the Johnson property was replaced with new cedar posts and woven wire. That too, was in bad shape and very old.

A lot on the lower west side of Hillside containing old marble tablets was up righted and reglued/cemented by Gandin Bros. this last summer. During the winter of 2011 they toppled over, luckily not damaging or breaking the stone.

Surveying of Pinehurst for expansion is an ongoing project. We are in conversation with Truline Survey, St. Johnsbury, VT for consultation and suggestions. The cemetery now has a road extending through this area and exiting on Pinehurst Road, providing a secondary access to and from the cemetery.

Wingets Lawn Care of Groton again provided the mowing services to all four cemeteries and will be contracted for Year 2013 also. Harvey Ricker (584-3236) and Tony Dennis (584-3110) served as our burial caretakers for Pinehurst and Blue Mt. respectively. Please note they should be contacted for arrangements prior to any burial.

As always, the Commission expresses appreciation and thanks to all of the above for their excellent services provided, our Selectboard and the taxpayers of Ryegate for their continued support. Please feel free to contact any one of us with questions or concerns. Copies of the Ryegate Cemetery by-laws and regulations are available at the Town Office.

Respectfully Submitted, Rick Colby, Chairman 584-3159, Bruce Nelson, Vice Chairman 584-3487 Bill Nelson, Treasurer 584-3296, Judy Gandin, Clerk 584-3832

Cemetery Treasurer's Report

Income:

Town of Ryegate	8850.00	
Sale of Lots (12)	<u>1429.00</u>	
		\$ 9979.00

Expenses:

Electricity-Pinehurst	242.88	
Lawn Care- J. Winget	7850.00	
Stacy Slayton- labor/supplies	170.00	
Doug Murray-supplies	83.50	
Gandin Bros.- markers	75.00	
Misc., dues VCA	<u>120.00</u>	
		8541.38
	Balance:	\$1437.62

Reconciliation /checkbook:

Balance on Hand 12/31/2011	1343.28		
Balance on hand 12/31/2012	<u>2780.90</u>		
		Difference	\$1437.62

Savings and Invested Funds

WRSB	Bal. 1/1/12	Bal. 12/31/12	Interest	Terms
CD#907623	50,520.05	50,769.77	249.72	12 mo./ .40%
CD#907624	20,105.92	20,174.92	69.00	6 mo./ .25%
CD#907625	29,631.66	29,719.69	88.03	3 mo./ .20%
CD#811855	10,533.45	10,585.53	52.08	12 mo./ .40%
Savings Account	903.90	905.03	1.13	.11%
American Funds	8,978.52	10,268.48		

Planning Commission/ Zoning Board Report

Your Planning & Zoning Board meets on the third Monday of most every month. If any citizen needs a subdivision or zoning hearing, we will arrange a special meeting. Please note that if you are planning a subdivision you will need a survey. Anyone who needs help on zoning problems should speak to Al Sponheimer, Administrator or Fremont Nelson, Chairman or any member of the board.

Your Board completed the new Town Plan and has been through all the channels and the plan has been officially approved by the Town of Ryegate and by the Northeastern Vermont Development Association Board. It is available on the town website at RyegateVT.org.

We have met twice with Alison Low from NVDA in regards to getting started on an update of the Ryegate Zoning By-Laws.

Anyone interested in serving on the Zoning/Planning Board please let us know.

Respectfully Submitted: Fremont Nelson, Chair 584-3667

Mary Dole, Clerk

Scott Ordway, Peggy Pearl, William Elder,

Stephen Genereaux, Richard Colby II,

Nancy Perkins, Walter Bragg

Zoning Administrator's Report

Here is this year's list of the year's applications:

- | | |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| 1 Subdivision | 2 Additions |
| 1 Mobile Home Replacement | 2 Barns |
| 3 Storage Sheds | 1 Deck |
| 1 Porch | 1 Garage |

Shop

I would like to thank members of both the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Adjustment for their collective guidance. I would also like to thank the Select board for their continued strong support for the planning and zoning activities. Zoning Applications are available at the town website or at the Town Office by calling 584-3880

Albert Sponheimer, Zoning Administrator

2012 Report of S Ryegate Public Library, Inc (to account for Revenue Sharing Funds only)

Revenue Sharing Funds in Treas. 1-1-12.....\$.00
Received Town of Ryegate Nov 2012.....\$200.00
Expended toward operating expenses (2012..\$200.00

Revenue Sharing Funds in Treas. 12-31-12.....\$.00

2012 Report of Marion Hall Trust Fund S Ryegate Public Library, Inc

Balance in Treas. 1-1-12.....\$822.98
Received Town of Ryegate Nov 2012.....\$400.00

Total Receipts.....\$1122.98
Books Purchased.....\$639.37

Balance in Treas. 12-31-12.....\$538.61

Ryegate Historical Society

Three program meetings were held in 2012. The average attendance was 42. Speakers were Larry Coffin, "In Times Past: Essays from the Upper Valley"; Irving Thomae, "The Montpelier and Wells River Railroad: Milk, Granite and Small Town Life"; and Bobby Farlice-Rubio, "The Presence of the Abanaki Indians in the Area." All programs were well prepared and well received.

The Annual Meeting was held on August 15th, preceded by a Potluck Picnic Supper. At this meeting, the current officers were reelected to serve for another year: President- Dover Ford; Vice President- Melvin Nelson; and Secretary Treasurer- Dwight White. Board members Peter Sinclair and George Murphy (Class of 2012) were reelected to the Class of 2015.

Kay Schleuter, an archivist, met with Dover, Dwight and Peter to share her vast knowledge of the proper way to preserve our town's memorabilia. This will be an ongoing project.

The RHS has a supply of the Reprint of the 1913 "Ryegate History" and the "Down of the Thistle- Ryegate in the 21st Century" available from the Society and in the Ryegate Town Office.

The Society thanks all who have contributed items of historical interest during the year and reminds others of the importance of preserving our past for the future.

Dwight A. White, Sec./Treas.

Northeast Kingdom Youth Services

NEKYS has been offering vital supportive services for youth and families since 1975. In 2012, we served 4,829 individuals throughout Caledonia and Essex Counties, 58 of those were from Ryegate.

NEKYS is a private, non-profit agency governed by a community based, volunteer Board of Directors. We rely on grants, contracts, and appropriations from the towns we serve to continue our mission. Thank you for supporting families in our communities. Please call our office at 748-8732 if you have any questions or concerns.

Ticklenaked Pond Association Report

The summer of 2012 on Ticklenaked Pond was focused on Eurasian Water Milfoil removal. We received, for the second year, an Aquatic Nuisance Control Grant in Aid from the State of Vermont Water Quality Division (WQD). The members of the Ticklenaked Pond Association (TPA) spent over 500 hours searching, hand pulling plants, and removing plant fragments from the lake. The dive team of A & E Diving Company were hired and spent 3 weeks in June, August and September suction harvesting milfoil in the deeper portions of the lake that the hand pullers could not reach. The dive team removed over 6000 gallons of the invasive plant. Lack of visibility created challenges for controlling the spread and growth of the milfoil. We are applying for another Nuisance Control grant for 2013 and hope to get more money for the dive team.

We are especially pleased to announce that we anticipate approval this year of a grant in the amount of \$85,400 to fund treatment of the lake with aluminum sulfate (alum), which will neutralize the harmful effects of phosphate deposits that have accumulated in the lake bottom over the past several decades. The presence of phosphorus leads to algae blooms, poor water clarity, and oxygen deprived “dead zones” that affect native plant and fish populations. Remediation of the high phosphorus levels is the culmination of a 16 year effort by the TPA and the WQD to address the problem.

This landmark achievement has been a collaborative effort. All existing sources of phosphorus had to be mitigated before the alum treatment could be considered. WQD spent years sampling and analyzing water samples from all inlet streams and the outlet of the lake, and provided the scientific expertise to enable the grant. State and USDA representatives worked with farm owners in the watershed to reduce field runoff and animal wastes as pollution sources. TPA held seminars for its members, planted shoreline plantings, provided rain barrels, reduced road and driveway runoff, installed beaver baffles in beaver dams and surveyed septic systems around the lake. Members took water clarity readings monthly. The Town of Ryegate administered grants for road and culvert improvements, milfoil removal, and will be the principal for this grant as well.

This winter TPA will work with the Town of Ryegate to secure this grant, get bids for a contractor to install the treatment and to manage and administer the grant. It is with enthusiasm that we report to you our hope that the health of Ticklenaked Pond is on the mend and that water visibility should be much better by Fall of 2013. We encourage you to continue to enjoy the pond, our town treasure, for generations to come.

Vermont League of Cities and Towns

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

All 246 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, along with 140 other municipal entities, including villages and fire districts. VLCT provides the following services to its member cities and towns, so that they may provide their citizens with quality services at affordable costs:

- Legal, consulting and education services. In the past year, VLCT responded to more than 3,000 inquiries for assistance from municipal officials. Our Municipal Assistance Center (MAC) conducted 23 workshops and 25 on-site training sessions that attracted more than 1,600 people. Handbooks produced by MAC may be purchased or accessed free of charge on our website at our Resource Library. The Library also contains nearly 1,000 other Electronic documents, including technical papers, model polices and newsletter articles that are currently accessible to the general public. MAC has also retained the services of professionals in municipal finance, administration, and policing to provide consulting advice to towns.

-Advocacy representation before the state and federal governments to ensure that municipalities have the resources and authority they need to serve their citizens. VLCT is a leader in the education finance debate, enhancing local voter authority in governance decisions, land use discussions, and securing revenues for town highway and bridge maintenance programs. Municipalities will face significant challenges in the 2012 legislature, assuring that they have the financial resources and authority to recover from the effects of tropical storm Irene.

-Purchasing opportunities to provide needed services at the lowest cost. Examples include municipal employee health insurance and liability coverage for town operations. The VLCT Health Trust represents the most affordable

option available to provide health insurance to municipal employees. The substantial municipal damages resulting from Tropical Storm Irene made the value of VLCT Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF) to all our members painfully clear, as members benefitted from the broad coverage, excellent re-insurance, and prompt service and claims payments. These two trusts, with the addition of the VLCT Unemployment Trust, were responsible in 2010 for \$43 million in municipal tax dollars spent for insurance and risk management services.

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

Groton Ryegate FAST Squad

The FAST Squad has had another busy year and calls were up over last year.

Groton- 70 Calls

Ryegate- 73 Calls

The FAST Squad is a small group and we are always looking for new members.

FOR MEDICAL EMERGENCIES DIAL 911.

HELP US FIND YOU WHEN YOU NEED US!!

INSTALL A 911 NUMBER SIGN

AT THE END OF YOUR DRIVEWAY-IT WILL SAVE US TIME AND GET YOU THE HELP YOU NEED!

FOR MORE INFORMATION: CONTACT CHIEF WAYNE KNOTT, GROTON FIRE DEPARTMENT 584-3243

Caledonia Home Health Care and Hospice

In Fiscal Year 2012, we continued to successfully provide clients with qualified home care, hospice, long term care, maternal child health and private duty services. We were able to end the year in a financially sound position secondary to the financial support we received from towns, donated memorial contributions and fundraising events. All of us at Caledonia Home Health Care and Hospice remain committed to helping you, your family and your neighbors to lead healthy and independent lives.

TOWN OF VISIT STATISTICS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012

	2011	2012		2011	2012
Nursing Visits	297	495	Social Svcs	12	25
Home Health Aide	139	146	Homemaking	537	334
Therapy Visits	222	170	Hospice	54	259
			TOTAL	1261	1429

Northeast Kingdom Human Services

Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc. is a private not-for-profit organization serving Caledonia, Essex, and Orleans Counties. It is organized and directed by local citizens who believe that human services should be cost effective and responsive to the needs of our local communities. The mission of NKHS is to enrich communities and enhance the ability of individuals and families to improve their lives.

NKHS serves residents who are challenged by conditions that affect the mind, body, and spirit. During fiscal year 2012, we provided services to approximately 4,216 individuals in our three-county service area, 26 were from your community. NKHS is proud to employ 1 from your community. Fees are charged based on the person's ability to pay. No one is refused services for lack of ability to pay. In the past fiscal year, 87% percent of our revenues came from Medicaid, 7% from grants and contracts, 4% from local and other sources, and 2% from other patient fees. Our program expenses show 59% in the Developmental Services program, 17% Children's Services, 15% Community Rehabilitation and Treatment, 4% Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment, and 4% Adult Outpatient, and 1% Emergency Services. Please support our Appropriation request for \$500.

We greatly appreciate your interest, your help in letting people know about the services we provide, and your financial support.

Little Rivers Health Clinic

Little Rivers Health Care would like to request appropriations funding from the Town of Ryegate again this year to help support the primary care services we provide to the community. As in past years, we are asking for \$2,000 for the upcoming year. Little Rivers provided services for 397 Ryegate residents last year, which represents ~34% of the town inhabitants. As the only safety net health care provider in our area, Little Rivers is likely the only option for many residents who are Medicare beneficiaries or uninsured. We provide a sliding fee scale for those under the 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, and make deeply discounted medications available to those who can't afford them otherwise. We are very grateful to the Town of Ryegate for its past support of our mission and health care services and we hope that you will continue to support us in the future. Thank you very much.

Green Up Vermont

Please consider Green Up Vermont's request for your communities financial support. We respectfully ask you to include the appropriate amount in your budget for next year. For Towns over 1,000 and under 2,000, we ask for \$100.00

Tropical Storm Irene created more work than usual for our coordinators across the state. Green Up Vermont partnered with the Irene Recovery Office on special Green Up to Recover projects. Some of the hardest hit towns reported having so many volunteers that they ran out of places to send them! We distributed an additional 20,000 Green Up Day bags for Irene-related clean ups. Green Up Day celebrated 42 years in 2012. Green Up Vermont is the not-for-profit 501(c) (3) organization responsible for continuing the success of Green Up Day. The success of Green Up for Vermont depends upon two essential ingredients: one is the combined efforts of individuals and civic groups volunteering to make it all possible; and two, the financial support given by the public and private sectors throughout Vermont. The "State" does not "do" Green Up Day.

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

Careful use of resources minimizes Green Up's costs. The State appropriates funds that cover about 12 percent of our budget. Last year, appropriations from cities and towns covered 18 percent of our budget. We rely on your help to keep Green Up Day going. These funds pay for supplies including over 46,000 Green Up trash bags, promotion, education, and services of two part-time employees. We ask your community to contribute, according to population, to keep Green Up growing for Vermont!

Mark your calendars for the next Green Up Day, May 4, 2013, the first Saturday in May. Put on your boots, get together with your family, invite some friends and come join us in your community to make Vermont even more GREEN!

Northeastern Vermont Development Association

In 2012, The NVDA, the regional planning and economic development agency for the Northeast Kingdom continued its longstanding tradition of providing valuable service to the communities of Caledonia, Essex, and Orleans Counties. Working directly with local officials, businesses, and community leaders, we strive to make our corner of Vermont THE place to live, work and play.

During 2012, NVDA worked with Ryegate Planning Commission to update the Town Plan and review the Town's zoning bylaw for statutory compliance. Our staff is currently working to update Ryegate's Hazard Mitigation Plan and pursue a grant for a FEMA buyout. We also consulted local officials on flood hazard regulation and produced a geo-referenced flood hazard map. Finally, we prepared a Public Assistance/ Emergency Response final damage assessment maps for the Town's highways (in response to Tropical Storm Irene). Visit www.nvda.net for an updated Ryegate community profile.

Catamount Arts

The residents and voters of Ryegate played a very important role in the success of Catamount Arts during 2012. Through support at Town Meeting and by attending many of the films and performances offered throughout the year, the citizens of Ryegate helped to keep the Arts vital and available to all of the residents of the Northeast Kingdom.

In the past year, Catamount has invited and encouraged the residents of Ryegate to participate in many of its community offerings, including the Community Film Series, Independent Lens, the Children's Summer Film Festival and gallery exhibits and receptions. These free events were funded in large measure through appropriations from communities in our area. Catamount has also made its space available for use by organizations in Ryegate and other communities and is fulfilling its promise of becoming a cultural and artistic meeting place for all residents of the area. During 2012, Catamount was able to present more than 125 films and 30 live performances, in large measure due to the generosity of the voters of Ryegate.

Catamount is also very proud of the fact that a sizable portion of its almost 800 members are residents of Ryegate. However, in these tough economic times, Catamount greatly needs and appreciates the financial support of all residents, including the residents of Ryegate. For this reason, Catamount respectfully requests your continued support and appropriation for the coming year.

Umbrella

Town Appropriation Request: \$500

It's an unsettling statistic: half of all domestic violence related homicides that occurred in Vermont in 2011 happened here in the communities of the Northeast Kingdom. And for every publicized act of intimate partner violence there are hundreds more that take place behind closed doors. We support the local community through three vital programs:

The Advocacy Program is the essential safety net for people seeking to escape domestic and sexual violence. This past year, **we served 730 women, men and youth and provided 65 survivors with a total of 1504 safe nights in our shelter and safe homes.**

The Family Room offers supervised visitation for non-residential parents working to rebuild relationships with their children, putting safety first in a welcoming, child-centered environment. In 2011-2012, **55 families strengthened connections with their children in a safe, relaxed and non-intrusive atmosphere.**

Kingdom Child Care Connection supports parents in their search for affordable, high quality child care and helps local providers enhance their programming. Last year, **we connected 450 families to financial assistance for child care and offered 177 hours of professional development to the area's 100 child care providers.**

Given that some of our services are provided anonymously, it can be difficult to provide precise usage figures for towns. At least 11 Ryegate households and one child care program were served directly by Umbrella in 2012, and the community as a whole benefited from prevention and outreach programs at schools as well as training and consultation for human service and law enforcement professionals. Community support is critical to sustaining our programs and investigating new approaches. We are deeply grateful for Ryegate's support.

Cottage Hospital

Cottage Hospital had its fair share of ups and downs in 2012, with an emphasis on the positive. We have continued to create jobs and improve the overall health of our community. However, as uncertainty looms in policy and regulation of health care, we must all remain flexible and open-minded to future possibilities for our hospital in order to keep us viable and active for years to come.

We have been doing great things with few resources for a long time and the talent and commitment of the staff and providers is amazing. In this uncertain health care climate we are a fortunate community to have so many people committed to the success of this small rural hospital. Although funds are always needed and welcomed, we know there are many worthy organizations also asking for money this year and the Cottage Hospital Board of Trustees has decided NOT to ask the towns for financial support for the 18th consecutive year. We thank you for your continued support and we pledge to continue to do our best to provide you and your families with the highest quality healthcare possible.

Woodsville Area 4th of July Committee

Each year the Woodsville/Wells River Fourth of July Committee has the honor and the challenge of putting on a fun-filled day of activities and entertainment on the Community Field as well as the enormous parade. Along with the incredible man hours needed to do this we also need financial support. The generosity of our towns/municipalities, area businesses and the general public have all kept this celebration going. We have a number of fundraising events. The largest of which is the Souvenir Booklet that the Committee produces, courtesy of Copies and More. Local businesses, towns and individuals donate to the Fourth of July Committee and receive advertising space in this booklet. This booklet also includes a dedication to a community member; 2012 choice was Nancy Ranno; write ups about both the Parade Marshall whom was Wayne Fortier and the Grand Marshall David Keith. Additionally there is an "In Memory of ..." section, where for \$5.00 a loved one can be remembered and honored, important information can be included, as space allows, such as date of birth/death, military rank, etc.

Other fundraising activities include the donation jars placed in many of our area businesses, the \$10.00 raffle tickets which offer a top prize of \$1000.00 and a total of 8 cash prizes ending with four \$100.00 prizes, donation collections along the parade route, in addition to Bingo and "Critter Chip" Bingo on the Community Field. Other monies are received by renting space on the community field to concessionaires and vendors, as well as the amusement company paying to provide rides and some food.

Every year we face some difficult challenges. The 2012 was unique with a major storm which caused some minor damage to tents, and caused many vendors to lose product. The day was one that will not easily be forgotten. Economic times have made donations more difficult to come by, and with increases in the incidental costs, such as insurance, and bands, etc. we are always looking for new ways to raise funds.

As always, we welcome any questions or comments, and anyone interested in helping in any way is encouraged to contact us at Woodsville/Wells River Fourth of July, PO Box 50, Woodsville, NH 03785 or 603-747-2878 or at Woodsvillefourthofjuly@hotmail.com or like us on Facebook. The Committee meets the 1st Wednesday of each month at the Woodsville Emergency Services Building in Woodsville at 7:00 pm, all are welcome.

Thank you for your continued support of the Independence Day Celebration. Hope to see you at the 2013 celebration, until then be well.

Vermont Center for Independent Living

Since 1979, VCIL has been teaching people with disabilities and the Deaf how to gain more control over their lives and how to access tools and services to live more independently. During FY'12, 6 residents of Ryegate received services from the following services- Meals on Wheels, Home Access Program, Sue Williams Freedom Fund, and the Information, Referral and Assistance Program.

To learn more about VCIL, please call the toll free I-line at 1-800-639-1522 or go online to www.vcil.org.

NEK Waste Management District Executive Report

The NEKWMD finished 2012 in solid financial condition. Recycling markets were fair to good throughout the year. Stronger than expected revenues for recycling, scrap metal, and the surcharge on trash allowed us to end the year with a surplus of \$42,355.14. Spending for the year was \$13,260 more than budgeted, while revenues exceeded projections by over \$55,600. The sale of recyclables generated \$160,185 in revenues for 2012. That figure represents 25% of the 2012 budget. While strong recycling markets were responsible for some of the excess revenue, surcharge revenues exceeded projections by \$29,000.

The NEKWMD is entering 2013 with a proposed budget of \$679,878 - an increase of 5.8%. However, due to the addition of 3 towns – an 11% increase in population - the surcharge on non-recycled waste will remain the same in 2013 (\$22.55/ton). Our surcharge on trash remains just below the average throughout the State of Vermont.

The District welcomed the towns of Corinth, Glover, and Newbury in 2012. We continue to serve the largest geographical area and largest number of towns (48) in the State. Our population served is 3rd in the state behind only Chittenden Solid Waste District and the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District.

The Vermont legislature passed Act 148 early in 2012. This piece of legislation includes, among other things, mandatory pay-as-you-throw for trash disposal and phased-in landfill bans for certain recyclables, leaf and yard wastes, and source separated organics. In 2013 the NEKWMD will be looking to assist our members in complying with the provisions of Act 148, strengthen outreach to businesses and seasonal residents, and promote greater participation in recycling programs throughout the Northeast Kingdom.

The NEKWMD was staffed by nine full-time and two part-time employees in 2012. Each of the member Towns is entitled to representation by at least one Supervisor. The Board of Supervisors is the principal authority over the NEKWMD and the primary means of contact with the member towns. The Board of Supervisors meets monthly and sets the direction of NEKWMD policy. The member Towns are also represented through their ability to vote on the NEKWMD budget at their Town Meeting in March.

Since fees for NEKWMD membership (the surcharge on trash of \$22.55/ton) are based on the amount of waste produced, members have a clear opportunity to control their waste management costs. Costs can decrease as waste generation rates decrease and recycling rates increase.

The 46,400 residents of 48 Towns throughout the Northeast Kingdom can be assured that the NEKWMD will continue to address their waste management concerns in a timely and environmentally sound fashion.

NEK Waste Management Supervisors Report

Every year the waste districts budget vote gets turned down by a few voters and I would like to try to improve on the yes votes.

The expense side of the 2012 budget is as follows:

Administration	\$36,475.00
Building	\$17,500.00
Equipment	\$58,500.00
Personnel	\$445,475.00
Programs	\$72,800.00
Capital Improvement Fund	\$12,000.00
Total	\$642,750.00

The revenues are as follows:

Grants from State of VT	\$44,000.00
Hauling- Recycling pickups (commercial)	\$3,300.00
Hazardous Waste Fees	\$3,400.00
Interest Income	\$50.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$1,500.00
Program Sales (composter bins)	\$1,000.00
Programs (oil filter program)	\$500.00
Sale of Recyclables	\$134,000.00
Compost Income	\$4,000.00
Electronic Income	\$21,000.00
Scrap Metal Income	\$16,000.00
Battery Income	\$3,000.00
Tire Income	\$11,000.00
Surcharge (waste haulers)	\$400,000.00
Total	\$642,750.00

The surcharge- waster haulers, is \$22.55 per ton fee that the waste district collects on trash delivered to a landfill and the actual on that was \$340,333.85. This is what you pay toward the budget in the trash you produce.

The actual income from the sale of recyclables is \$143,795.33 and scrap metal income is \$24,235.11. The income from these items has, for a number of years, held the budget in the black.

The cost to the residents of the Town of Ryegate is approximately 1-2% of the total waste district budget, and would be more if not for the market of recyclables.

Groton/ Ryegate Recycling Attendants Report

We have seen an increase in the volume of cardboard, scrap metal and electronics this past year. I guess the word is getting out that E waste is accepted at no cost to you. Another service started this year is the collection of secure documents in a locked container. When full, it will be taken with the other recyclables to the waste district where the contents will be shredded by a shredding company onsite.

One new service we are looking into is the collection of food scrapes. We are interested to know if you would be interested in bringing you food scraps to this location, where it will be picked up with the other recyclables and delivered to a site in Lyndonville for composting. Any feedback would be greatly appreciated.

With the help of Gene Jolley, a request was made to Trans Canada for \$2,200.00 to pour a cement pad under the scrap metal roll-off and late this fall a check was received. Thank you to Trans Canada.

The following is a list of locations in our area that will be hosting a 2013 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Site.

Saturday, May 4th, 9-12- Danville Stump Dump Wednesday, June 12th, 4-7- Corinth Town Garage
Friday, June 21st, 4-7- Ryegate Transfer Station Wednesday, August 7th, 3-6- Barnet Transfer Station
Saturday, August 17th, 9-12- Marshfield Town Offices

If you are unable to make one of these, contact NEKWMD at 802-626-3532 or 800-734-4602 to make and appointment.

NEK Waste Management District Budget Vote

WARNING

NEK WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BUDGET VOTE

MARCH 5, 2013

The legal voters of the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District are hereby notified and warned to vote, by Australian Ballot, at the polling place and between the hours specified by their municipality on Tuesday, March 5, 2013 to act on the following article.

ARTICLE 1: Shall the voters authorize the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District to appropriate and expend a budget of \$ 679,878.00?

[Handwritten signatures]
David Sanders
Claude O. Phipps
John Sandberg
Alon Toplow
Robert Sandberg
Brian C. Day
Mrs. Dangle
Kevin & Linda
D. Dwyer
Joe Batibaldin
Gaurin Eastman
Deanna Burt
Wm. W. Jackson
T. J. J.
T. J. J.
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[Handwritten signatures]
William J. J.
Steven Day
Joel Coy
James A. Kelly
Gene A. Perkins
Catherine Redden
Kristen Smith
The Drowin

BMU School District #21 Warning and Notice

WARNING & NOTICE

BLUE MOUNTAIN UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT #21

ANNUAL MEETING

AND

PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING

March 4 & March 5, 2013

The legal voters of the Blue Mountain Union School District #21 are hereby notified and warned to meet

at the Blue Mountain Union School, Garvin Memorial Library in Wells River, Vermont on Monday, March 4, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the evening to transact the following business from the floor:

Article 1:

To elect the following officers as required by law, and to authorize the Board of School Directors to fix their compensation:

Moderator

Clerk

Treasurer

Article 2:

To hear and act on the reports of the Blue Mountain Union School District officers for the past year.

Article 3:

To see if the Blue Mountain Union School District will vote to authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of taxes to meet the requirements of the District for the

ensuing year and to authorize the execution and delivery of notes or orders to the Blue Mountain

Union School District.

Article 4:

To transact any other business thought proper under this warning.

Said meeting shall be followed immediately by a public informational hearing regarding the proposed

budget and other business, to be voted on by Australian Ballot, on Tuesday, March 5, 2013.

The legal voters of the Blue Mountain Union School District are further Notified and Warned to meet at

the following locations:

Ryegate:

Groton:

Wells River:

Town Hall in Ryegate Comer

Groton Community Building in Groton

Village Garage in Wells River

On Tuesday, March 5, 2013 between 10:00 a.m. in the morning and 7:00 p.m. in the evening there will be

a vote by Australian Ballot on the following questions:

BMU School District #21 Warning and Notice

The total proposed budget of \$8,228,932 is the amount determined by the school board to be necessary to support the school district's educational program. State law requires the vote on this budget to be divided because (i) the school district's spending per pupil last year was more than the statewide average and (ii) this year's proposed budget is greater than last year's budget adjusted for inflation.

Article #1 (School Budget):

Part A. Shall the voters of the school district authorize the school board to expend \$7,648,792, which is a portion of the amount the school board determined to be necessary for school year 2013-2014?

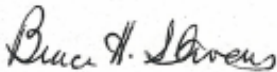
Part B. If Part A is approved by the voters, shall the voters of the school district also authorize the school board to expend \$580,140, which is the remainder of the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for school year 2013-2014?

Article# 2:

Shall the Blue Mountain Union School District #21 adopt an additional amount of \$25,000 to be deposited into the capital reserve account for the purpose of future maintenance and building upkeep?

Signed by the Board of School Directors this twenty-first day of January, 2013 at Wells River, Vermont.

Blue Mountain Union School District #21



Bruce Stevens



Angeline Alley



Charles Conquest



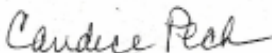
Leo Cota



Ronald Phillips



Thomas Page



Candice Peck

The foregoing has been duly recorded before posting.



Janet M. Page
Clerk

Synopsis of March 6, 2012 Town Meeting

ARTICLE 1:

Regina Hazel was elected Moderator.

ARTICLE 2:

The reports of the Town Officers were accepted, after a statement was read by Rachel Baker: Sunny Side Farm was very near and dear to my family and we want to clear the record. The State Police Fire Inspector's report as of last week states the 1st and 2nd visit to the site at the home formally owned by Hassell Nelson ruled out electric and lightning strikes as cause of the fire. It is undetermined and suspicious and is still an open arson investigation. They cannot release the report, because of alleged criminal involvement. The State Police fire inspector posted a \$5000 Arson Reward on the property. If anyone has any information the confidential Hot Line # is 1-800-32-ARSON.

ARTICLE 3:

Marsha Nelson was elected Town Clerk, Cheryl Slayton was elected Treasurer. Andrew Smith was elected Selectman, John Zampieri was elected Town Agent, Dean Rowden was elected First Grand Juror, Elizabeth Beauvais was elected Lister. Richard Fraser was elected Auditor, and Library Trustee, William Nelson was elected Cemetery Commissioner..

ARTICLE 4:

The Town elected one School Director, Ron Phillips.

ARTICLE 5:

The Town voted to collect Property Taxes in one installment, due September 10th and delinquent October 10th.

ARTICLE 6:

The Town elected Dale Wright as Collector of Delinquent Taxes with his fees and commissions as in the past.

ARTICLE 7:

The Town authorized the movement of the \$20,000 sand shed fund balance to the gravel line item.

ARTICLE 8:

The Town voted to remove Article 8 which, if passed, would have authorized the Select board to appoint a part-time Commissioner of Roads, not to exceed \$10,000.

ARTICLE 9:

The Town voted to approve a \$50,000 fund contribution to repair or replace the Creamery Road Bridge.

ARTICLE 10:

The Town Budget of \$970,217.29 was voted to be raised to meet the 2012 general fund and road budget and other necessary town expenses.

ARTICLE 11:

The Town voted to authorize and instruct the Selectmen to borrow money, if necessary, to defray the current expenses of the Town or in anticipation of taxes.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 PM

Vital Statistics

Civil Marriages

<u>Date</u>	<u>Names</u>
2-28	Heather E Cheney & Aaron E. Gilleland
3-21	Lynnette L. Sheppard & Julio Cesar Guzman Tenorio
3-24	Walter E. Morse Jr & Joseph Mahr
4-28	Steven L Darling II & Daisy Marie Simpkins
6-11	Karen F Bickel & Donna L Bickel
6-30	Cristy R Norman & Jack E. Kinerson
7-14	Tammy M Farnham & Nicholas L Carbee
7-17	Thomas C. Elliott Jr & Jodie Ann Elliott
9-22	Cady Lynn Nunn & Christopher John Paquin
10-12	Scott David Fellows & Jennifer Ann Vallieres
10-13	Megan A Letourneau & Parker S Beaupre

Births

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Parents</u>
5-11	Julia Rose Wallace	Jessica Lynn Hale & Peter John Wallace
10-29	Ewan Walker Nelson	Erin Snarski & Ethan Rogers Nelson
10-2010	Carson Sherwin Manley	Hannah Nelson & Michael S Manley
10-2010	Amber Jane Manley	Hannah Nelson & Michael S. Manley

Deaths

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
1-30	Remo Guiseppi Gandin	91
2-6	Ina R. Collier	82
2-7	Paul Mead Davidson	68
4-11	Donald Clarence Phelps	83
4-20	George Robert Johnson	88
5-4	David Lyle Grimes	60
5-13	Phyllis Jean Keenan	69
6-1	Cary Lee Moulton	62
7-16	Melanie Beth Welch	52
7-29	Richard E. Evans	94
8-30	Russell Tony Locke	67
9-1	Donald M. Murray	84
11-13	Gerard Joseph Florentine	61

Warning Annual Town Meeting 2013

Warning Annual Town Meeting – 2013

Tuesday, March 5, 2013

The citizens of the Town of Ryegate who are legal voters in the annual town meetings are hereby notified and warned to meet in the Town House in Ryegate on Tuesday, the fifth of March 2013 at one o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles, viz:

ARTICLE 1: To elect a Moderator and a Town Clerk.

ARTICLE 2: To hear the reports of the town officers and take proper action thereon, including the adoption of a budget for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 3: Shall the Town vote to raise money not to exceed \$15,000 for an outside audit for the year ending December 31, 2012?

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to collect taxes on Property in installments pursuant to 32 V.S.A. 4871, and to fix the date or dates for such payment, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. 4872, and provide for interest on unpaid taxes pursuant to 32 V.S.A. 4873.

ARTICLE 5: Shall the Town vote to authorize and instruct its Selectmen to borrow money, if necessary, to defray the current expenses of the Town or in anticipation of taxes?

ARTICLE 6: Shall the Town vote to raise money by taxation to meet the 2013 General Fund and Road Budget, including a sum of money (not less than \$50.00 per mile) for the maintenance of its highways and for the payment of installments due and to become due on equipment purchased by the Selectmen, including such additional funds as may be appropriated under other articles at this meeting, and to authorize the Selectmen to set a tax rate sufficient to provide the same?

ARTICLE 7 To elect by ballot two School Directors to serve on the Board of Union School District No. 21 for a term of three years.

ARTICLE 8 To elect all other necessary Town Officers and fix their compensation.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will elect a Tax Collector and take such action with respect to his/her fees and commissions is judged to be advantageous to the town.

ARTICLE 10: To transact any other nonbinding business that may properly come before this meeting.

Selectmen: Grant Nelson Paul Keenan Andrew Smith
Grant Nelson Paul Keenan Andrew Smith

Attest: Recorded before posting Marsha H Nelson
Town Clerk

Important Telephone Numbers and Information

Emergency or Fire 911

RYEGATE TOWN WEBSITE- WWW.RYEGATEVT.ORG

Building Permits	802-584-3500 Al Sponheimer 802-584-3880 Town Office
Cottage Hospital	603-747-9000
E Ryegate Fire District #2	802-757-3983 Vicky Darby
Fire Permits	802-584-3611 Gene Perkins 802-584-3667 Fremont Nelson
Historian	802-584-3520 Dwight White

Ryegate Selectboard

Paul Keenan	802-757-3801
Grant Nelson	802-584-4679
Andy Smith	802-633-2260

Town Clerk	802-584-3880 Phone and Fax
Town Garage/Road Crew	802-584-3002
United Ways Agencies for VT	211
VT Center for Independent Living	802-639-1522
NEK Waste Management	800-734-4602
NEK Youth Services	802-748-8732

State Legislators

Sen. Joseph Benning- R 802-626-3600 office

Sen. Jane Kitchel- D 802-684-3482 home

Sen. Leigh Laroque- R 802-748-3481 home

US Legislators

Sen. Patrick Leahy- D 800-642-3193 Action Line

Sen. Bernie Sanders- I 202-224-5141 DC office

Rep. Peter Welch- D 888-605-7270 VT office 202-225-4115 DC office

Selectboard Meetings - 2nd and 4th Mondays, 7pm Mon 1-5 Town Office Building

Town Clerk- Tues 1-5, Weds 1-5, Fri 9-1

Recycling Center Friday 4-6 pm Saturday 8-11 am

Photo Driver's License

Every Thursday (except holidays)

9-3:15 118 Western Ave, St Johnsbury