

Town of **Ryegate** Vermont

2013 Annual Report



Please bring this report to
Town Meeting
On Tuesday, March 4, 2014



**Maxine Hoisington
1929 – 2013**

Maxine Hoisington was born in McIndoe Falls and lived on her grandmother's farm in Ryegate when she was young. She attended schools in Ryegate and North Hartland, and graduated from Hartford High School. She married Freeman Hoisington in June of 1947. They purchased a home in Post Mills where they lived for 27 years and raised three daughters and two sons. Maxine worked for the U. S. Postal Service for twenty years and was Postmaster of the Ely Post Office for 10 years, retiring in 1990. They moved back to her childhood home on Symes Pond Road in 1985. She was a 50 year grange member and a member of the South Ryegate Women's Club and the Ryegate Historical Society. She served as an Auditor and was a Ballot Clerk for several years. Maxine enjoyed serving her community and was always proud to call Ryegate her home.

The Report of the Officers of the

Town
of
Ryegate
Vermont

In preparation for Town Meeting Day

On

Tuesday, March 4, 2014

2013

**Annual Report
Of Town Officers
For the Year Ended
December 31, 2013**

All photos with the exception of the Gandin Bros. photo
are from the Ryegate 250th celebrations

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Ryegate 250th Recap

Ryegate commemorated its 250th anniversary in 2013 with a year full of activities. After spending nearly a year planning and preparing to celebrate the town's birthday, which was September 8, 1763, four daylong events in four distinct seasons were arranged by the energetic committee of more than twenty volunteers. Chaired by Dover Ford, the committee's leadership included Betty Beauvais-Secretary, Tim Wilson-Treasurer, Sally Wilson-Winter event, John Munson and Mary Dole-Spring event, Pat Crocker-Summer event, and Jackie Sinclair and Khristine Elder-fall event, Cynthia Steil and Janet Berrier- logo and art work contests, Mary Dole-T-shirts and mugs, Jenny Nelson and Nessa Flax-Publicity. The committee knew "it takes a village", and other volunteers were always appreciated.

The town's new website was helpful in this effort: www.ryegatevt.org and there was a blog spot as well: www.ryegate250.blogspot.com Betsey Nelson Pelletier's winning logo, David Elder's stamp cancellation design and Betty Beauvais' mapping of historical Quest routes demonstrated a special brand and historical significance to the year.

Winter The year started with a Winter Carnival at Ticklenaked Pond from noon to 3 pm on January 19. Along with the free husky sled rides, winter activities include ice-skating and broom hockey, ice fishing, sliding with a snowmobile tow, and cross country and snowshoe trails, an ice harvest exhibit by Peggy Pearl, games and singing around the bonfire, hot chocolate, hot dogs and marshmallows, and chili cook-off with plenty of tasters to determine the winner; Laura Marrocchini took top honors. The aerial fly-over for a group photo didn't happen due to mechanical difficulties.

Spring On April 13, South Ryegate village was the focus for "Maple, Monuments and Memories". The Pancake breakfast with local maple syrup was held at the South Ryegate Presbyterian Church, along with various historical exhibits including the Ryegate granite industry, George Murphy's postcard collection of the village, and Irv Thomae's multi-media presentation on trains in Ryegate. Self-directed sugarhouse visits to the Munsons, the Zambons and others filled the afternoon. The Gandon Bros. memorial stone business was highlighted for its 100 years in business and people enjoyed the tour of their facility presented by three generations of Gandins.



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Summer July 20 was the summer event featuring an Ice Cream Social in East Ryegate Village. Home to the Ryegate Historical Society, that building with its vast collections of photos, furniture, and other historical artifacts was open and shared with community members and the public. Music by the Bible Mountain Boys and children playing with wooden toys and old-fashioned games really felt like a step back in time. East Ryegate women- Pat Crocker, Ginny Douse, Cheryl Slayton, Nancy Murray, Barb Vance, and Barb Smith- scooped ice cream and toppings, while everyone visited and relaxed. It was a beautiful day to remember.

Fall The town of Ryegate completed its year with the Grand Celebration on September 7, 2013. And it was a day filled with history, agriculture, good food, great music, and lots of fun. Staged in the center of the town, Ryegate Corner hosted this final event. Starting off with a brisk run or walk on the Bayley Hazen Military Road, the 5K event was designed for whole families to participate, including a Tots Run.

Located in the Town House on the hill were several historical exhibits: One-room schoolhouses, early transportation, granite industry, factories and farms, founder James Whitelaw, the Civil War and special documents from the 1700's and Major Thomas Nelson's War memorabilia. Delsie Hoyt shared her lifelong skill for braiding and designing rugs. Postmaster Pat Crocker offered special postage stamp cancellations using David Elder's winning design. Rev. Dwight White, in period costume, read the town charter. Outside, there were working steers, cider pressing and blacksmithing demonstrations, while down at the Grange Hall, children's blue ribbon art work and written themes were displayed and the 250th celebration cake, decorated by Dick Fraser and complete with the town logo design, was served. Kids enjoyed watching the wood turning skills of Dick Montague and tried out many old-fashioned games he provided.



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Meanwhile, two historic Ryegate Quests creatively crafted by Betty Beauvais were launched with directions at the Town Clerk's office. Designed like a treasure hunt with written clues, the driving quest encompassed Ryegate's portion of the Bayley Hazen Military Road, while the walking quest for Ryegate Corner led the quester past historical buildings and monuments to its final destination in Blue Mountain Cemetery. A hidden box where you could sign in the log book and take a treasure completed the quest! The 1806 Old Whitehill Stone House in North Ryegate was open for tours.

The morning started with bagpiping by Iain MacHarg, with lunch and dinner music by our local "5th Business", whose great harmonization was pleasing to the ear. The Bible Mountain Boys provided country music under the tent behind the Town Clerk's office. Everyone enjoyed Cantrip- a dynamic band from Scotland back up at the Town House and the evening of contra dancing led by David Millstone, an international caller with 30 years experience.

Meals included a soup and sandwich luncheon prepared by the Presbyterian Church women, a pulled pork supper cooked by the Ryegate Fire Department, and breakfast goodies and snacks by Blue Mt. Grange. The committee took pride in a job well done and thanks the many individuals, organizations, and businesses who contributed to the cost of the events and for all of you who took part in this historic celebration of our town of Ryegate.



Gandin Brothers 100th Anniversary

No. R-140. House concurrent resolution congratulating Gandin Brothers, Inc. of South Ryegate on its 100th anniversary.

(H.C.R.102)

Offered by: Representative Larocque of Barnet

Offered by: Senators Benning and Kitchel

Whereas, in 1912, Louis Gandin, an immigrant from Italy, purchased a granite manufacturing business in South Ryegate, and

Whereas, from the start, Louis Gandin and his family have striven to operate their business with the goals of quality, service, and customer satisfaction always in mind, and

Whereas, in 1921, Tony Gandin, the younger brother of Louis, immigrated to the United States to join his brother and learn about the Vermont granite industry, and

Whereas, when Louis Gandin died at an early age, Tony and his sister-in-law Rose assumed control of Gandin Brothers and operated the business through the Great Depression, and

Whereas, the family's management of the business continued as Tony's son Allen Gandin, who joined the company in 1948, took over Gandin Brothers following his father's death in 1969, and Allen's younger brother Butch, who became a Gandin employee in 1964, became President following his older brother's retirement in 1994, and

Whereas, in 1990, after graduating from college, Butch's son Tom joined the family's granite business, representing the third generation to participate in the family enterprise, and

Whereas, the family leadership of Gandin Brothers in 2013 includes Butch Gandin serving as President, Tom Gandin as Vice President, and Butch's wife Judith as Secretary and Treasurer, and

Whereas, a group of extended family members is also employed at Gandin Brothers, making this truly a family enterprise, and

Whereas, Tom Gandin has expanded the family's involvement in the Vermont granite industry beyond South Ryegate, as he has served as President of the Barre Granite Association and currently sits on the Association's Board of Trustees, and

Whereas, Gandin Brothers is a granite industry company known for the excellence of its work due to the century-long commitment of the Gandin family and to careful attention to the quality of its products, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Gandin Brothers, Inc. of South Ryegate on its 100th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Gandin Brothers, Inc. in South Ryegate and to the Barre Granite Association.



Selectboard Narrative

2013 was fairly typical as we faced basically the same problems, dog complaints, boundary line disputes, road equipment repairs, road side trees that need attention, road repairs and rebuilding, and keeping within the budget.

We finished the Old Creamery Road project with the top coat of pavement and rebuilt the sidewalk. A top coat of pavement was added from Route 302 to Gilfillan Road this year. We met with the state water resources people to address the brook that runs beside Swamp Road, as the retaining wall needs to be shored up before we do any work there. We received a Better Back Roads Grant that we used to start a ditching project on North Bayley-Hazen Road. We replaced culverts, lowered ditches and removed ledge and stone to make draining and plowing better. We hope to apply again to finish the job to the bottom of the hill. Thank you Wayne Berry for letting us put ditching material over the bank on your land. We learned that grant money for the Creamery Road Bridge will not be coming this year but this project is still on our agenda as engineering studies are ongoing.

The year 2013 saw the town celebrate it's 250 year anniversary with four very successful days of activities starting with a winter carnival on Ticklenaked Pond and ending with a full day at the corner. We thank Dover Ford and her group for putting these events together.

This summer a new playground was added to the beach area at Ticklenaked Pond, a great addition for the town. Many thanks to Sarah Despins for spear heading this project, and the many people that volunteered their time to work on this. Some of the money for this was taken from the Nicole Andrea Haynes Memorial Fund.

The Select Board would like to thank Cindy Orr for her years as Assistant Treasurer, and welcome Pat Crocker as the new Assistant. Also we would like to thank Grant Nelson for his years on the board as he chose not to run again. We welcome Sally Wilson as a new Lister, as well as Claudette Sortino as a new member of the Select Board. We also would like to thank all who volunteer their time in any way (Fire Department – Recycling – Website - Attending meetings) You help make the Town of Ryegate a great place to live.

Below is a copy of the Junkyard Ordinance on the books in many towns in Vermont. The town of Burke recently passed it and it is almost identical to the ordinance in Bradford, West Fairlee, Newfane, and numerous other Vermont communities.

The Selectboard wants the town's input as to whether or not such an Ordinance should be passed in Ryegate. Essentially, the law would define how close to a neighboring property or road a homeowner could store junk vehicles or other materials considered to be junk. It would also define the types of barriers necessary to keep such material out of public view. Please read this proposal for all the specifics.

You will be asked to vote at Town Meeting as to whether you think an ordinance such as this would be beneficial for the residents of Ryegate.

Junkyard Ordinance

REGULATING OUTDOOR STORAGE OF JUNK AND JUNK VEHICLES

WHEREAS, the town (*village/city*) of _____ has, by authority granted in 24 V.S.A. §§ 1971 et seq., 2246 and 2291, the powers to adopt, amend, repeal, and enforce ordinances, and to manage and regulate outdoor storage of junk and junk motor vehicles within its boundaries; NOW, THEREFORE, to protect the public health, safety and well being, and to promote the responsible use of resources and protection of the environment, the selectboard (*trustees/council*) of the town (*village/city*) of _____ hereby adopts this ordinance to regulate outdoor storage of junk and junk motor vehicles.

ARTICLE I. Definitions.

- a. "Abandon" means to leave without claimed ownership for 30 days or more.
- b. "Abutting property owner" means any person or persons, corporation or other entity that owns, leases, or in any other way uses or controls the real property abutting any portion of the property of another.
- c. "Enforcement Officer" means any [*constable, police officer, health officer etc.*] appointed by the selectboard (*trustees/council*) to enforce the provisions of this ordinance.
- d. "Highway" means any highway, road, street or other public way, regardless of classification.
- e. "Household appliance" means any range, stove, refrigerator, washing machine, clothes dryer, water pump, power tool and the like.
- f. "Junk" means old or discarded scrap copper, brass, iron, steel or other metals, or materials including but not limited to tires, household appliances, furniture, rope, rags, batteries, glass, rubber debris, waste, trash, construction debris, plumbing fixtures, or any discarded, dismantled, wrecked, scrapped, or ruined motor vehicle or parts thereof. Any of the above items used in a bona fide agricultural operation are excluded from this definition.
- g. "Junkyard" means any place of outdoor storage or deposit that is maintained, operated or used in connection with a business for storing, keeping, processing, buying or selling junk or as a scrap metal processing facility. "Junkyard" also means any place of outdoor storage or deposit, not in connection with a business, which is maintained or used for the storing or keeping of [four] (*optional, could be fewer, but not greater*) or more junk motor vehicles which are visible from any portion of a public highway. However, the term does not include a private garbage dump or a sanitary landfill that is in compliance with 24 V.S.A. §§ 2201 et seq. and any applicable state regulations. It does not mean a garage where wrecked or disabled motor vehicles are stored for less than 90 days for inspection or repairs.
- h. "Junk motor vehicle" means a discarded, dismantled, wrecked, scrapped or ruined motor vehicle or parts thereof, an unregistered motor home not connected to water and/or sewer, or a vehicle other than an on-premise utility vehicle which is allowed to remain unregistered for a period of 90 days from the date of discovery.
- i. "Motor vehicle" means any vehicle propelled or drawn by power other than muscular power, including trailers. Functional vehicles and equipment used for agricultural and construction operations are excluded from this definition.
- j. "Traveled way" means that portion of a public highway designed for the movement of a motor vehicle, shoulders, and roadside parking, rest, observation areas, and other areas immediately adjacent and contiguous to the traveled portion of the roadway.

ARTICLE 2. Requirements.

- a. It shall be unlawful to place, discard or abandon junk or [four] (*optional, could be fewer*) or more junk motor vehicles in a place where any such item is visible from the traveled way of a highway or town road, or visible to an abutting landowner from that portion of the abutter's land used on a regular basis. Any such item so placed, discarded or abandoned is hereby declared to be a public nuisance.

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b. It shall be unlawful to place, discard or abandon junk or [four] (*optional, could be fewer*) or more junk motor vehicles upon the land of another with or without the consent of the owner, when any such item is visible from the traveled way of a highway or town road, or visible to an abutting landowner from that portion of the abutter's land used on a regular basis. Any such item so placed, discarded or abandoned is hereby declared to be a public nuisance.

c. A person who wishes to operate a junkyard within the town (*village/city*) of _____ is required to:

- obtain a certificate of approval for the location of the junkyard, and
- obtain a license to operate, establish or maintain a junkyard from the State of Vermont.

1. Certificate of Approved Location. Application for a certificate of approved location shall be made in writing to the selectboard (*trustees/council*) of the town (*village/city*) of _____.

The application shall contain a description of the land to be included within the junkyard, which description shall be by reference to so-called permanent boundary markers. The procedures to be followed after an application has been made are those specified in 24 V.S.A. §§ 2252-2256, as from time to time amended.

NOTE: Additional wording for municipalities having a zoning ordinance and a zoning board of adjustment or development review board established under 24 V.S.A. Chapter 117: *"The application shall be accompanied by a certificate from the ZBA or DRB that the proposed location is not within an established district restricted against such uses or otherwise contrary to such zoning ordinance."*

2. State Junkyard License. The procedures for obtaining a junkyard license from the State of Vermont are those specified in 24 V.S.A. §§ 2261-2264, as from time to time amended.

d. All junkyards, scrap yards, and places of outdoor storage of junk shall be effectively screened from public view by a fence or vegetation at least eight feet in height. Any fence shall be of sound construction and of solid vertical board or 'stockade' type construction, and shall be maintained neatly and in good repair. Such a fence shall not be used for advertising signs or other displays which are visible from the traveled way of a highway. Any vegetation used for screening shall be of sufficient density so that it effectively screens the area from view. Failure to provide screening as required herein shall be considered a violation of this ordinance.

ARTICLE 3. Enforcement and Penalties.

a. Upon receiving written notice from the selectboard (*trustees/council*) to do so, the owner of any junk or junk motor vehicle discovered in violation of Article 2 of this ordinance shall remove or screen the item(s) or vehicle(s) from the view of the traveled way of the highway or town road. Such items shall also be screened from the view of an abutting landowner as seen from that portion of the abutter's land used on a regular basis. If the owner of the junk or junk motor vehicle(s) does not remove or screen the items from view within 30 days from the date of mailing of the written notice by the selectboard (*trustees/council*), the selectboard (*trustees/ council*) may notify the appropriate state agency.

b. Additional Provisions for JunkMotor Vehicles.

1. If the owner of the land on which a junk motor vehicle is discovered in violation of Article 2 of this ordinance does not hold title or disclaims title to the vehicle, and the true owner of the vehicle is known or can be ascertained, the true owner shall move, screen or dispose of the vehicle upon receiving written notice from the selectboard (*trustees/council*).

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2. If the last known registered owner fails or refuses to reclaim the vehicle upon receiving said written notice, or if after an investigation the owner of the vehicle cannot be ascertained, the selectboard (*trustees/council*) may notify the appropriate state agency.

3. Further procedures by the state agency are specified in 24 V.S.A. § 2272.

c. A violation of this ordinance shall be a civil matter which may be enforced in the Vermont Judicial Bureau or in the _____ County Superior Court, at the election of the legislative body.

1. Violations enforced in the Judicial Bureau shall be in accordance with the provisions of 24 V.S.A. §§ 1974a and 1977 et seq. A civil penalty of not more than \$ _____ per violation (*note: may be up to \$500 per violation*) may be imposed for violation of this ordinance.

A. A municipal ticket will be issued 30 (*optional, could be fewer*) days after written notification of violation is mailed by the selectboard if the violation has not been corrected in accordance with this ordinance. Each day that the violation continues shall constitute a separate violation of this ordinance.

B. For purposes of enforcement in the Judicial Bureau, the town (*village/city*) [*constable, police officer, health officer, municipal attorney, other*] shall be the designated enforcement officer(s). Said designee(s) shall issue tickets and may be the appearing officer at any hearing.

2. Violations enforced in the Superior Court shall be in accordance with the Vermont Rules of Civil Procedure. The legislative body may pursue all appropriate injunctive relief. In addition, a civil penalty of not more than \$ _____ per violation may be imposed for violation of this ordinance. A civil action may be initiated within [30 days] after written notification of violation is mailed by the selectboard if the violation has not been corrected in accordance with this ordinance. Each day that the violation continues shall constitute a separate violation of this ordinance.

ARTICLE 4. Severability. If any section of this ordinance is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such finding shall not invalidate any other part of this ordinance.

ARTICLE 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 60 days after its adoption by the town (*village/city*) selectboard (*trustees/council*). If a petition is filed under 24 V.S.A. § 1973, that statute shall govern the taking effect of this ordinance.

Date

Signatures

ADOPTION HISTORY:

1. Agenda item at regular Selectboard meeting held on _____.

2. Read and approved at regular Selectboard meeting on _____ and entered in the minutes of that meeting which were approved on _____.

3. Posted in public places on _____.

4. Notice of adoption published in the _____ newspaper on _____ with a notice of the right to petition.

5. Other actions [petitions, etc.]

VLCT Model Ordinance, 2005

Auditors' Narrative

In accordance with Vermont Statutes Annotated Title 24, Section 1681, the board of auditors has 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, 2013.

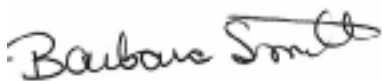
The Town Auditors exceeded their budget during the 2013 year. The reason for this is the Auditors Workshop we attended that was presented by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns in late 2012 . During that workshop, it was suggested that the Auditors should be looking at items other than bank accounts and special fund accounts. One of the items mentioned was to verify the Grand List. This has taken much more time than we thought it would and is still not finished. Our hope is to finish verifying the entire list during 2014 and then in the following years we would only verify new evaluations and a small sample of the full list.

Ryegate Auditors

Barbara Smith

Thomas Dole

Richard Fraser



Towns Officers Appointed by the Selectboard

| TOWN OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE SELECTBOARD | |
|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Road Foreman | Fred Lakin, Nelson Elder |
| Clerk for the Select Board | Marsha Nelson |
| Fence Viewers | The Select Board |
| 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 | Stephen Genereaux, MD |
| Animal Control Officer | Vacant |
| Energy Officer | Marsha Nelson |
| Green Up Chairman | Darryl Perkins & Makayla Perkins |
| NEK Waste District | Gene Perkins, Supervisor Andrew Smith, Vice Super |
| Planning/Zoning Commission: | |
| Term expires 2014 | Alice Allen |
| 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 |
| Term expires 2016 | Walter Bragg |
| Term expires 2016 | Richard Colby II |
| Term expires 2016 | Nancy Perkins |
| Zoning Administrator | Donna Longmoore |
| Northeastern Vermont Develop Assoc. | Vacant |
| Joint Commissions | Vacant |
| APPOINTED BY THE TOWN CLERK | |
| Town Clerk's Assistant | Beth Fraser |
| APPOINTED BY THE TREASURER | |
| Treasurer's Assistant | Cynthia Orr, Pat Crocker |

Town Officers 2013

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|------------|----------------|
| MODERATOR | Regina Hazel |
| TOWN CLERK | Marsha Nelson |
| TREASURER | Cheryl Slayton |

SELECTMEN

Term expires March 2014 Paul Keenan
Term expires March 2015 Andrew Smith
Term expires March 2016 Claudette Sortino

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

LISTERS:

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|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Term expires March 2014 | Regina Hazel |
| Term expires March 2015 | Elizabeth Beauvais |
| Term expires March 2016 | Sally Wilson |

AUDITORS :

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|-------------------------|----------------|
| Term expires March 2014 | Thomas Dole |
| Term expires March 2015 | Richard Fraser |
| Term expires March 2016 | Barbara Smith |

LIBRARY TRUSTEES:

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|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Term expires March, 2014 | Jennifer Nelson |
| Term expires March, 2015 | Mary Dole |
| Term expires March, 2016 | Deanna Arnosky |
| Term expires March, 2017 | Richard Fraser |
| Term expires March 2018 | Marsha Nelson |

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER:

| | |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| Term expires March, 2014 | Richard Colby II |
| Term expires March, 2015 | Vacant |
| Term expires March, 2016 | Bruce Nelson |
| Term expires March, 2017 | William Nelson |
| Term expires March 2018 | Judy Gandin |

UNION SCHOOL DIRECTORS:

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|--------------------------|----------------|
| Term expires March, 2014 | Angeline Alley |
| Term expires March, 2015 | Ron Phillips |
| Term expires March 2016 | Bruce Stevens |
| Term expires March 2016 | Paul Hazel |

Funds Administered by Selectboard and Treasurer 2013

| | Beginning Balance | Deposit | Withdrawal | Interest Credited | Ending Balance |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 1) So. Ryegate Sewer | | | | | |
| #273086 | \$1,583.77 | | | \$0.80 | \$1,584.57 |
| 2) Rural Development | | | | | |
| #306513 | \$834.54 | | | \$0.42 | \$834.96 |
| 3) Act 200 Funds | | | | | |
| #310392 | \$5,059.94 | \$300.00 | * \$1744.78 | \$5.01 | \$3,620.17 |
| 4) Fire Dept Building Fund | | | | | |
| #634466 | \$527.05 | | | \$0.48 | \$527.53 |
| 5) Fire Dept Eq. Repl. | | | | | |
| #632300 | \$33,808.86 | \$2,709.85 | ** \$22,940.84 | \$19.55 | \$13,597.42 |
| 6) Machine Fund-Hgwy | | | | | |
| #612080 | \$121,636.46 | \$145,000.00 | *** \$2089.64 | \$193.49 | \$264,740.31 |
| 7) Ryegate History Committee | | | | | |
| #524317 | \$17,595.24 | | | \$17.61 | \$17,612.85 |
| 8) Nicole A. Hayne | | | | | |
| #528494 | \$5,581.64 | \$4,000.00 | **** \$7,169.79 | \$2.71 | \$2,414.56 |
| #905929 | \$12,440.97 | | \$3,005.62 | \$83.42 | \$9,518.77 |
| 9) M. Hall Library | | | | | |
| #195892 | \$1,614.65 | \$565.02 | ***** \$400.00 | \$0.84 | \$1,780.51 |
| #905933 | \$6,204.38 | | | \$46.69 | \$6,251.07 |
| 1711 Shares MFS/MIT | \$37,608.88 | | | | \$49,205.07 |
| 933 Shares Putnam | \$12,440.40 | | | | \$14,446.92 |
| 10) W. Sutton Memorial | | | | | |
| #552067 | \$106.06 | | | \$0.04 | \$106.10 |
| * Zoning Bylaw Training | | | | | |
| ** Purchase of 1988 Ford F-350 Mini Pumper & Repairs | | | | | |
| *** Highway Dept. Welder | | | | | |
| **** Ticklenaked Beach Playground Equipment (\$7169.79) , Transfer \$3000 from CD to Savings \$5.62 penalty | | | | | |
| ***** South Ryegate Library | | | | | |

Funds Administered by Selectboard and Treasurer 2013

| | Beginning Balance | Deposit | Withdrawal | Interest Credited | Ending Balance |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|------------|------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 13) E. Ryegate Library | | | | | |
| #9358817841 | \$1,882.18 | | | \$0.59 | \$1,882.77 |
| 14) John F. McColl Cemetery | | | | | |
| #810875 | \$3,363.30 | | | \$27.01 | \$3,390.31 |
| #905930 | \$2,287.69 | | | \$17.22 | \$2,304.91 |
| #234630 | \$106.09 | | | \$0.04 | \$106.13 |
| 15) McDonald Cemetery | | | | | |
| #290409 | \$319.86 | | | \$0.16 | \$320.02 |
| 16) Byrne-Buchanan Cemetery | | | | | |
| #304502 | \$490.71 | | | \$0.24 | \$490.95 |
| 17) C A Park Cemetery | | | | | |
| #506625 | \$696.67 | | | \$0.36 | \$697.03 |
| 18) Cameron Cemetery | | | | | |
| #702507 | \$2,911.78 | | | \$23.38 | \$2,935.16 |
| 19) Ryegate Cemetery Fund | | | | | |
| #601600 | \$11,050.77 | | | \$11.07 | \$11,061.84 |
| 20) E. Hall Cemetery | | | | | |
| #195915 | \$1,783.71 | \$201.00 | | \$0.93 | \$1,985.64 |
| #905932 | \$7,265.01 | | | \$54.68 | \$7,319.69 |
| 451 Shares Bank of NYMellon | \$11,565.00 | | | | \$15,723.00 |
| 21) M. Hall Cemetery | | | | | |
| #195928 | \$1,046.45 | \$24.12 | | \$0.52 | \$1,071.09 |
| #905931 | \$3,879.80 | | | \$29.20 | \$3,909.00 |
| 146 Shares Bank of America | \$1,695.06 | | | | \$2,008.96 |
| 29 Shares Bank of NYMellon | \$745.30 | | | | \$1,013.26 |
| 22) Ticklenaked Pond Checking | | | | | |
| #389315 | \$4,747.13 | \$5,217.50 | \$5,275.00 | | \$4,689.63 |
| 23) BMU Little League | | | | | |
| #565393 | \$662.25 | | | \$0.32 | \$662.57 |
| 24) Lind Homes Housing | | | | | |
| #565353 | \$4,329.18 | | | \$4.33 | \$4,333.51 |

Capital Needs: Town Highway Machinery and Equipment

| TOWN OF RYEGATE | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 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 Trade 2001 | | | | | | | | | | 55,500 | |
| 2003 Plow | 4,290 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2004 Truck | 33,227 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2004 Grader Trade 1993 | | 131,104 | | | | | | | | | |
| 2006 Truck Trade 2001 | | | 37,440 | | | | | | | | |
| 2005 Culvert Steamer | | | 5,296 | | | | | | | | |
| 2008 Truck/purchased '07 Trade 2003 | 28,605 | | | | 83,520 | | | | | | |
| 2009 Truck/purchased '08 | | | | | | 109,131 | | | | | |
| 2010 Truck/purchased '10 Trade 2004 | | | | | | | | 103,986 | | | |
| Wood Chipper | | | | | | | | | | 3,500 | |
| Other- Equip Fuel Tank | | | | | | | 249.48 | | | | |
| Welder | | | | | | | | | | | 2090 |
| 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) | (2,090) |
| Annual Interest Earned | 1,833 | 699 | 123 | 234 | 398 | 359 | 256 | 254 | 265 | 208 | 194 |
| 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 | 264,740 |



Ryegate 250th Summer Celebration

2013 Town Employee Compensation

| Employee Name | 2013 Pay Rate | Gross Wages | Retirement | Bonus | Health Ins | FICA | Total Compensation |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Fred Lakin | 20.47 Hourly | 47,814.70 | 3,144.80 | 100.00 | 12,812.07 | 3,665.55 | 67,537.12 |
| Road Foreman | | | | | | | |
| Gordon Peterson | 17.84 Hourly | 1,775.08 | | | | 135.77 | 1,910.85 |
| Road Crew P.T. | | | | | | | |
| Nelson Elder | 16.65 Hourly | 37,724.70 | 2,483.35 | 100.00 | 9,933.29 | 2,893.63 | 53,134.97 |
| Road Crew | | | | | | | |
| Stan Kosakowski | 15.69 Hourly | 35,358.04 | 2,327.37 | 100.00 | 12,812.07 | 2,712.54 | 53,310.02 |
| Road Crew | | | | | | | |
| Larry Welch | 15.34 Hourly | 36,056.79 | 2,372.97 | 100.00 | 7,257.15 | 2,766.00 | 48,552.91 |
| Road Crew | | | | | | | |
| Marsha Nelson | 398.90 Weekly | 21,174.80 | 1,396.99 | 100.00 | 11,646.49 | 1,780.31 | 36,098.59 |
| Town Clerk | | | | | | | |
| Cindy Orr | 9.72 Hourly | 243.00 | | | | 18.59 | 261.59 |
| Asst. Treas. | | | | | | | |
| Cheryl Slayton | 316.35 Weekly | 16,450.20 | | | 11,646.49 | 1,283.90 | 29,380.59 |
| Treasurer | | | | | | | |
| Patricia Crocker | 9.72 Hourly | 330.48 | | 100.00 | | 32.94 | 463.42 |
| Asst. Treas. | | | | | | | |
| Regina Hazel | 9.72 Hourly | 34.02 | | | | 2.60 | 36.62 |
| Asst. Town Cl. | | | | | | | |
| Khristine Elder | 9.72 Hourly | 38.88 | | | | 2.97 | 41.85 |
| Asst. Town Cl. | | | | | | | |
| Mary Dole | 9.72 Hourly | 155.52 | | | | 11.90 | 167.42 |
| Asst. Town Cl. | | | | | | | |
| Richard Fraser | 11.49 Hourly | 166.61 | | | | 12.75 | 179.36 |
| Auditor | | | | | | | |
| Barbara Smith | 11.49 Hourly | 281.51 | | | | 21.54 | 303.05 |
| Auditor | | | | | | | |
| Thomas Dole | 11.49 Hourly | 218.32 | | | | 16.72 | 235.04 |
| Auditor | | | | | | | |
| Dale Wright | 8% Collection Fee | 10,477.21 | | | | 801.50 | 11,278.71 |
| Tax Collector | | | | | | | |
| Beverly Allen | 14.09 Hourly | 28.18 | | | | 2.16 | 30.34 |
| Lister | | | | | | | |
| Regina Hazel | 14.09 Hourly | 5,149.91 | | | | 393.98 | 5,543.89 |
| Lister | | | | | | | |
| Elizabeth Beauvais | 14.09 Hourly | 4,593.35 | | | | 351.38 | 4,944.73 |
| Lister | | | | | | | |
| Sally Wilson | 14.09 Hourly | 3,342.87 | | | | 255.75 | 3,598.62 |
| Lister | | | | | | | |
| Gene Perkins ** | 10.00 Hourly | 3,190.00 | | | | 244.04 | 3,434.04 |
| Recycling | | | | | | | |
| Andrew Smith | Annual | 1,000.00 | | | | 76.50 | 1,076.50 |
| Selectboard | | | | | | | |
| Claudette Sortino | Annual | 1,000.00 | | | | 76.50 | 1,076.50 |
| Selectboard | | | | | | | |
| Paul Keenan | Annual | 1,000.00 | | | | 76.50 | 1,076.50 |
| Selectboard | | | | | | | |
| | | 227,604.17 | 11,725.48 | 600.00 | 66,107.56 | 17,636.02 | 323,673.23 |
| | | Additional Employer Costs: | | Worker's Compensation Ins. | | | 9,193.00 |
| | | | | Road Crew Uniforms/Laundry Service | | | 5,236.14 |
| **Town of Groton Reimbursed \$1595.00 for their share. | | | | Unemployment Ins. | | | 410.00 |
| | | | | TOTAL EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION | | | 338,512.37 |

Balance Sheet Comparison

| Current Assets: | 12/31/2012 | | 12/31/2013 |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------|--|----------------------|
| Wells River - Checking | \$ 14,093.08 | | \$ 15,356.00 |
| Petty Cash | \$ 30.00 | | \$ 30.00 |
| Wells River Savings- Debit Card Account | \$ 256.15 | | \$ 460.60 |
| Wells River Savings - Money Market Account | \$ 315,977.00 | | \$ 438,787.85 |
| Woodsville Savings- Money Market Account | \$ 160,373.88 | | \$ 160,930.14 |
| Passumpsic Savings Bank- Money Market Acct | \$ 250,817.94 | | \$ 51,202.40 |
| 2010 Property Tax | \$ 1,789.48 | | |
| 2011 Property Tax | \$ 47,077.14 | | \$ 2,617.07 |
| 2012 Property Tax | \$ 102,304.55 | | \$ 35,664.75 |
| 2013 Property Tax | | | \$ 118,404.38 |
| Irene Flood Receivable | \$ 12,926.16 | | |
| So. Ryegate Sewer Rec. | \$ 2,500.00 | | \$ 2,500.00 |
| East Ryegate Sewer Rec | \$ 2,947.78 | | \$ 2,857.28 |
| Town of Groton- Recycling Rec. | \$ 687.80 | | \$ 1,887.69 |
| | | | |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$ 911,780.96 | | \$ 830,698.16 |
| | | | |
| Current Liabilities: | 12/31/2012 | | 12/31/2013 |
| Accounts Payable | \$ 7,250.00 | | |
| Fica Withheld | \$ (0.01) | | \$ (0.03) |
| State Withheld | \$ 0.55 | | \$ (0.93) |
| Prepaid Property Tax 2013 | \$ 250.00 | | |
| Prepaid Property Tax 2014 | | | \$ 1,335.00 |
| Due To Other Accounts | \$ 77,392.85 | | \$ (1,292.51) |
| Whitehill Road Project- Better Back Roads | | | |
| Due to Recycling Grant | \$ 2,200.00 | | |
| Ticklenaked Pond Grant-Alum T | | | \$ 5,000.00 |
| TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES | \$ 87,093.39 | | \$ 5,041.53 |
| | | | |
| Fund Balances: | 12/31/2012 | | 12/31/2013 |
| Fund Balance-Prior Year | \$ 597,002.46 | | \$ 548,848.01 |
| Fund Balance- Reappraisal | \$ 44,100.35 | | \$ 51,348.85 |
| Fund Balance- Town Highway | \$ 109,889.47 | | \$ 118,353.31 |
| Fund Balance- So. Rye Sew | \$ 35,119.71 | | \$ 39,319.69 |
| Fund Balance- Roads | \$ 22,741.79 | | \$ 3,230.91 |
| Fund Balance- Creamery Road Bridge | \$ 50,000.00 | | \$ 50,729.75 |
| Fund Balance- Br. 42&43 | \$ 1,423.79 | | \$ 1,423.79 |
| Fund Balance- Restoration | \$ 12,564.45 | | \$ 13,370.45 |
| Current Year Earnings | \$ (48,154.45) | | \$ (968.13) |
| | | | |
| TOTAL FUND BALANCE | \$ 824,687.57 | | \$ 825,656.63 |
| | | | |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE | \$ 911,780.96 | | \$ 830,698.16 |

Comparative Budget REVENUES

| Revenues | 2013 Budget | 2013 Actual | 2014 Budget |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Real Property Taxes | \$2,800,408.72 | \$2,329,561.21 | \$796,754.23 |
| Pilot | \$1,500.00 | \$1,526.55 | \$1,500.00 |
| Property Tax ADJ from Prior | | \$17,935.42 | \$0.00 |
| Interest - Delinquent Tax | \$4,000.00 | \$18,328.67 | \$4,000.00 |
| Tax Collectors 8% | \$0.00 | \$10,477.21 | \$0.00 |
| Liquor Licenses | \$50.00 | \$50.00 | \$50.00 |
| Permits/Zoning & Planning | \$200.00 | \$169.00 | \$200.00 |
| Marriage Licenses | \$0.00 | \$630.00 | \$0.00 |
| State Aid For Highways | \$110,000.00 | \$123,402.05 | \$110,000.00 |
| Town Clerk Fees | \$10,000.00 | \$8,884.19 | \$10,000.00 |
| Dog License Male | \$300.00 | \$350.00 | \$300.00 |
| Dog License Female | \$300.00 | \$192.00 | \$300.00 |
| Dog License Neuter/Spay | \$1,000.00 | \$1,476.00 | \$1,000.00 |
| Dog Licenses-Special | \$0.00 | \$44.00 | \$0.00 |
| Interest Income | \$4,000.00 | \$2,457.84 | \$2,500.00 |
| Traffic Control | \$250.00 | \$34.50 | \$100.00 |
| Listers Ins. Claim - Lightning | \$0.00 | \$1,452.56 | \$0.00 |
| Highway Insurance Revenue | \$0.00 | \$270.00 | \$0.00 |
| Ticklenaked Pd. - Milfoil Grant | | \$21,299.90 | \$0.00 |
| Highway Mobile Radios Grant | \$0.00 | \$4,800.00 | \$0.00 |
| Fire Dpt. W/C Refund | \$0.00 | \$107.00 | \$0.00 |
| 68 Church Street Buy Out | | \$700.00 | \$0.00 |
| Town of Groton- Recycling Building | \$1,500.00 | \$1,500.00 | \$1,500.00 |
| Hold Harmless- State of Vermont | \$0.00 | \$43,064.00 | \$0.00 |
| Revenues Total | \$2,933,508.72 | \$2,588,712.10 | \$928,204.23 |

Comparative Budget EXPENSES

| Expenses | 2013 Budget | 2013 Actual | 2014 Budget |
|----------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Elected and Appointed Officials | | | |
| Animal Care | \$500.00 | \$922.05 | 500.00 |
| Auditors Salaries | 500.00 | 666.44 | 1,200.00 |
| Auditors Supplies/TR Del | 50.00 | 0.00 | 50.00 |
| Ballot Clerk Salaries | 750.00 | 598.23 | 750.00 |
| Cemetery Appropriation | 8,500.00 | 8,500.00 | 8,500.00 |
| Cemetery Fencing & Repair | 500.00 | 0.00 | 500.00 |
| Dog Catcher Expense | 750.00 | 457.50 | 3,000.00 |
| 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 | 1,965.74 | 2,000.00 |
| Listers Salaries | 15,000.00 | 13,114.31 | 15,000.00 |
| Listers Supplies & Exp | 500.00 | 1,943.18 | 500.00 |
| Lister's Telephone | 450.00 | 474.87 | 450.00 |
| Recycling Coordinator | 1,500.00 | 1,595.00 | 1,500.00 |
| Selectmen's Salaries | 3,000.00 | 3,000.00 | 3,000.00 |
| Tax Collector's 8% | 0.00 | 10,477.21 | 0.00 |
| Tax Collector's Expense | 200.00 | 182.00 | 250.00 |
| Town Officers - Conf/Mtgs | 500.00 | 985.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Town Patrol Sheriff Contract | 3,000.00 | 3,030.00 | 3,000.00 |
| Zoning/Planning Comm. | 200.00 | 0.00 | 200.00 |
| Total | 37,950.00 | 47,911.53 | 41,450.00 |

Comparative Budget EXPENSES

| Town Offices | 2013 Budget | 2013 Actual | 2014 Budget |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Marriage License Fees | 0.00 | 455.00 | 0.00 |
| Medical Office | 25,548.88 | 23,292.98 | 17,500.00 |
| Retirement Town Office | 1,375.00 | 1,396.99 | 1,400.00 |
| State Dog License Fees | 1,000.00 | 868.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Town Officers- Mach & Repair | 100.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 |
| Town Officers- Mach & Equip. | 900.00 | 378.99 | 1,000.00 |
| Town Officers - Dog Fees | 450.00 | 432.00 | 450.00 |
| Town Officers - Fuel Oil | 2,500.00 | 2,331.75 | 2,500.00 |
| Town Officers - Groundwrk | 1,000.00 | 1,220.00 | 1,200.00 |
| Town Officers - Postage | 1,000.00 | 979.65 | 1,000.00 |
| Town Clerk Salaries | 21,000.00 | 20,842.80 | 21,000.00 |
| Assistant Town Clerk Salaries | 400.00 | 228.42 | 400.00 |
| Town Treasurer Salaries | 17,000.00 | 16,450.20 | 17,000.00 |
| Assistant Town Treasurer Salaries | 550.00 | 673.48 | 750.00 |
| Town Officers - Supplies | 1,500.00 | 1,935.39 | 1,700.00 |
| Town Officers - Telephone & Internet+ | 1,100.00 | 1,034.01 | 1,100.00 |
| Town Officers - Utilities | 900.00 | 890.88 | 900.00 |
| Town Officer's Comp Sup | 2,000.00 | 2,045.14 | 2,000.00 |
| Website | 300.00 | 390.68 | 100.00 |
| Workers Comp office | 230.00 | 230.00 | 292.00 |
| Total | 78,853.88 | 76,076.36 | 71,392.00 |
| | | | |
| General | 2013 Budget | 2013 Actual | 2014 Budget |
| Ambulance | 14,675.00 | 14,675.00 | 14,612.00 |
| Appraisal Consulting | 1,500.00 | 0.00 | 1,500.00 |
| Beach - Repairs & Maint | 2,200.00 | 2,083.99 | 2,200.00 |
| Ticklenaked Pd Milfoil Project | | 21,300.10 | |
| Celebration- Town (250 years) | 2,500.00 | 883.46 | 0.00 |
| Cemetery Flags | 250.00 | 256.32 | 250.00 |
| County Tax | 20,798.24 | 20,798.24 | 15,755.00 |
| Elections - Telephone | 0.00 | 0.00 | 325.00 |
| Elections - Advertising | 0.00 | 0.00 | 150.00 |
| Fast Squad- Groton/Ryegate | 8,000.00 | 8,000.00 | 8,000.00 |
| FICA - Employer | 18,000.00 | 17,636.10 | 18,000.00 |
| Fire Warden Expense | 300.00 | 210.41 | 300.00 |
| Legal Fees | 2,000.00 | 1,174.20 | 2,000.00 |
| External Audit | 0.00 | 0.00 | 3,500.00 |
| Tax Sale Notice | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Meeting/Bid Advertising | 100.00 | 90.00 | 100.00 |
| Recycling | 1,500.00 | 1,827.01 | 2,000.00 |
| Recycling Building- Maintenance | 1,000.00 | 413.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Ryegate Green Up | 100.00 | 92.89 | 100.00 |
| Ryegate Green Up - Disposal | 500.00 | 455.00 | 500.00 |
| Ryegate Historical Society | 200.00 | 200.00 | 200.00 |
| 68 Church Street Buy Out | 0.00 | 700.00 | 0.00 |
| Tax Maps | 1,500.00 | 1,520.00 | 0.00 |
| Town Building Rep & Maint | 2,500.00 | 1,502.81 | 2,500.00 |
| Town Report | 1,700.00 | 1,959.84 | 2,000.00 |
| Town Report- Mailing | 175.00 | 190.54 | 200.00 |
| VLCT Dues | 1,972.00 | 1,972.00 | 2,170.00 |
| VLCT PACIF | 18,852.00 | 18,025.00 | 17,819.00 |
| Total | 100,322.24 | 115,965.91 | 95,181.00 |

Comparative Budget EXPENSES

| Fire Department | 2013 Budget | 2013 Actual | 2014 Budget |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Vol Fire Dept - 2005 Fire Truck | 17,148.23 | 17,148.23 | 17,148.23 |
| Vol Fire Dept - Bldg (SR) | 500.00 | 0.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Vol Fire Dept - Buildings (RC) | 2,800.00 | 3,209.22 | 2,800.00 |
| Vol Fire Dept - Diesel | 1,500.00 | 1,305.04 | 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 | 750.00 | 579.00 | 750.00 |
| Vol Fire Dept - Dumpster | 200.00 | 167.19 | 200.00 |
| Vol Fire Dept - Eq Repl F | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Vol Fire Dept - Fuel Oil (RC) | 3,000.00 | 3,342.42 | 3,500.00 |
| Vol Fire Dept- Fuel Oil (SR) | 700.00 | 891.10 | 1,000.00 |
| Vol Fire Dept - Gasoline | 200.00 | 67.81 | 200.00 |
| Vol Fire Dept Ins/Acc | 2,000.00 | 1,974.00 | 2,000.00 |
| Vol Fire Dept - Mach & Eq (RC) | 10,000.00 | 7,584.87 | 10,000.00 |
| Vol Fire Dept - Repairs | 4,000.00 | 6,981.91 | 4,000.00 |
| Vol Fire Dept - Supplies | 1,500.00 | 537.48 | 1,000.00 |
| Vol Fire Dept - Telephone | 1,000.00 | 979.40 | 1,000.00 |
| Vol Fire Dept - Training | 2,000.00 | 4,850.90 | 3,000.00 |
| Vol Fire Dept - Utilities (RC) | 1,000.00 | 1,036.55 | 1,200.00 |
| Vol Fire Dept - Util (SR) | 450.00 | 492.62 | 500.00 |
| Vol Fire Dept- Admin | 6,000.00 | 6,000.00 | 6,000.00 |
| Vol Fire Dept - Workers Comp | 1,315.00 | 1,315.00 | 1,386.00 |
| Vol Fire Dept - Workers Comp Refund | | (107.00) | |
| Total | 59,563.23 | 60,855.74 | 61,684.23 |
| Transfer from FD Eq Repl Fund | | (1,292.51) | |
| Fire Department Grand Total | 59,563.23 | 59,563.23 | 61,684.23 |
| | | | |
| 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 | 500.00 |
| 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 Learning Services | 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 | 8,690.00 |

Comparative Budget EXPENSES

| Highway Department | 2013 Budget | 2013 Actual | 2014 Budget |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| 2011 Loader | 4,000.00 | 1,682.75 | 4,000.00 |
| 2004 Grader | 6,800.00 | 5,979.45 | 13,000.00 |
| 2006 Chevy Truck | 5,600.00 | 5,076.74 | 6,000.00 |
| 2006 Chevy Plow & Sander | | | 2,000.00 |
| 2008 Int'l Truck | 5,600.00 | 10,468.47 | 6,000.00 |
| 2008 Int'l Plow & Sander | | | 2,000.00 |
| 2009 Int'l Truck | 5,600.00 | 12,195.91 | 6,000.00 |
| 2009 Int'l Plow & Sander | | | 2,000.00 |
| 2011 Int'l Truck | 5,600.00 | 4,216.71 | 6,000.00 |
| 2011 Int'l Plow & Sander | | | 2,000.00 |
| Wood Chipper | 500.00 | 342.79 | 500.00 |
| Class IV Roads | 1,000.00 | 1,611.30 | 1,000.00 |
| Cold Patch | 500.00 | 495.60 | 500.00 |
| Culvert Steamer | 250.00 | 265.82 | 250.00 |
| Diesel | 45,000.00 | 42,278.38 | 45,000.00 |
| Equipment Rent | 6,000.00 | 2,710.00 | 6,000.00 |
| Fuel Oil | 4,000.00 | 4,203.48 | 4,500.00 |
| Gasoline | 8,000.00 | 8,289.01 | 8,500.00 |
| Gravel | 60,000.00 | 46,604.04 | 60,000.00 |
| Guard Rails | 3,500.00 | 1,113.00 | 3,500.00 |
| Highway Mobile Radios | 0.00 | 5,174.40 | 0.00 |
| Machine Fund | 70,000.00 | 70,000.00 | 75,000.00 |
| Creamery Road Bridge Fund | 10,000.00 | 10,000.00 | 0.00 |
| Medical Roads | 45,661.12 | 42,814.58 | 37,315.00 |
| Motor Oil | 1,750.00 | 1,111.45 | 1,750.00 |
| No. Bayley-Hazen Rd Project | 0.00 | 8,261.23 | |
| Physicals- Road Crew | 500.00 | 0.00 | 500.00 |
| Repairs- Other | 500.00 | 50.00 | 500.00 |
| Retirement Road Crew | 10,500.00 | 10,328.49 | 10,500.00 |
| Road Repairs | 2,500.00 | 850.00 | 2,500.00 |
| Road Resurfacing | 100,000.00 | 100,000.00 | 100,000.00 |
| Road Claims Paid-Mobile Radios Grant | 0.00 | (4,800.00) | 0.00 |
| Road Signs | 500.00 | 750.25 | 500.00 |
| Roadside Mowing | 5,000.00 | 5,155.70 | 5,000.00 |
| Summer Road Cal. Chloride | 4,000.00 | 1,779.37 | 4,000.00 |
| Summer Road Culverts | 3,000.00 | 3,000.00 | 3,000.00 |
| Summer Road- Labor | 68,000.00 | 62,415.35 | 68,000.00 |
| Supplies | 5,000.00 | 4,959.06 | 5,000.00 |
| Telephone | 600.00 | 551.11 | 600.00 |
| Tires | 5,500.00 | 5,074.83 | 5,500.00 |
| Tools | 1,000.00 | 761.99 | 1,000.00 |
| Town Garage Upkeep | 1,500.00 | 1,200.30 | 1,500.00 |
| Training | 250.00 | 195.00 | 250.00 |
| Tree Removal/Brush Cutting | 1,500.00 | 0.00 | 1,500.00 |
| Uniforms | 5,000.00 | 5,236.14 | 3,600.00 |
| Utilities | 1,500.00 | 1,618.23 | 1,650.00 |
| VLCT Unemployment | 411.00 | 410.00 | 427.00 |
| Winter - Labor | 100,000.00 | 96,713.96 | 100,000.00 |
| Winter Road - Salt | 13,000.00 | 16,747.18 | 17,000.00 |
| Winter Road - Sand | 13,000.00 | 12,840.05 | 15,000.00 |
| Workers Comp Road Crew | 8,963.00 | 8,963.00 | 9,465.00 |
| | 641,085.12 | 619,695.12 | 649,807.00 |
| Transfer to Highway Fund Balance | | 21,390.00 | |
| | 641,085.12 | 641,085.12 | 649,807.00 |
| Road Claim Paid-**** | | 4,800.00 | |
| Highway Department Grand Total | 641,085.12 | 645,885.12 | 649,807.00 |
| Municipal Expenses Total | 926,264.47 | 953,892.15 | 928,204.23 |
| School Appropriation | | | |
| BMU School | 2,007,244.25 | 1,635,681.08 | 0.00 |
| School Appropriation Total | 2,007,244.25 | 1,635,681.08 | 0.00 |
| Grand Total Expenses | 2,933,508.72 | 2,589,573.23 | 928,204.23 |

Fund Balance Changes

| Fund | Entry | Start of Year | Increase | Decrease | End of Year |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| Reappraisal | Beginning Balance: | \$ 44,100.35 | | | |
| | FY12 per parcel payment from State of VT: | | \$ 7,248.50 | | |
| | Ending balance: | | | | \$ 51,348.85 |
| Town Highway | Beginning Balance: | \$ 109,889.47 | | | |
| | "Budget to Actual" transfer to Highway Fund: | | \$ 21,390.00 | | |
| | (Adj. 12/31/12) Fund credited twice 2011 & 2012: | | | \$ 12,926.16 | |
| | Ending balance: | | | | \$ 118,353.31 |
| S. Ryegate Sewer | Beginning Balance: | \$ 35,119.71 | | | |
| | Sewer Charges: | | \$ 8,000.00 | | |
| | Repairs and Maintenance: | | | \$ 3,467.00 | |
| | Utilities: | | | \$ 333.02 | |
| | Ending balance: | | | | \$ 39,319.69 |
| Roads | Beginning Balance: | \$ 22,741.79 | | | |
| | Road Resurfacing for Creamery Rd.: | | | \$ 19,510.88 | |
| | Ending balance: | | | | \$ 3,230.91 |
| Creamery Rd. Bridge | Beginning Balance: | \$ 50,000.00 | | | |
| | Approved 2013 Fund Contribution: | | \$ 10,000.00 | | |
| | Creamery Rd. Bridge Scoping: | | | \$ 9,270.25 | |
| | Ending balance: | | | | \$ 50,729.75 |
| Bridges 42 & 43 | Balances | \$ 1,423.79 | | | \$ 1,423.79 |
| Restoration | Beginning Balance: | \$ 12,564.45 | | | |
| | Percentage of Town Clerk Fees Collected: | | \$ 806.00 | | |
| | Ending balance: | | | | \$ 13,370.45 |
| General | Beginning Balance: | \$ 597,002.46 | | | |
| | 2012 Earnings/Loss: | | | \$ 48,154.45 | |
| | Ending balance: | | | | \$ 548,848.01 |

Allocation of 2013 Taxes

| <u>Rate Name</u> | <u>Tax Rate</u> | <u>X Grand List</u> | <u>Total Raised</u> |
|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Non-Residential | 1.4710 | 655,938.32 | 964,885. |
| Homestead Education | 1.5275 | 618,134.18 | 944,199. |
| Local Agreement | 0.0021 | 1,272,218.89 | 2857. |
| Highway Tax | 0.4174 | 1,272,218.89 | 567,956. |
| Town Tax | 0.1381 | 1,272,218.89 | 175,693. |
| Total Tax | | | 2,655,590. |

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 2014, Ryegate's CLA (Common Level of Appraisal) has risen from 97.89 to 101.75%. This change reflects Fair Market Value. Our COD (Coefficient of Dispersion) of 8.40% continues to reflect a high level of equity across taxpayers' assessments.

Newly updated tax maps (as of September 2013) are now on display at the Town Office along with orthophoto aerial maps. 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, 2014. 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.

The Current Use Program has changed their application form. New applications are available in the Town Office or online at www.bit.ly/CurrentUse. 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 802 828-5860.

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, Sally Wilson

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) | 2.0852 | \$4170.40 |
| \$200,000.00 (Non-residential) | 2.0287 | \$4057.40 |

List of Vendors

| Vendor | Amount | Vendor | Amount |
|----------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------|
| 646 Fairpoint Communications | 2,499.99 | Fire Tech & Safety of N E | 2,502.49 |
| 656-FairPoint Communications | 539.40 | Fisher Auto Parts | 2,513.54 |
| AE Commercial Diving Services | 21,300.10 | Florence Ford | 397.50 |
| Airgas East | 207.23 | Foggs Hardware | 1,106.05 |
| Alley's Market | 9.60 | Fothergill Segale & Valley | 7,250.00 |
| American Rock Salt Company LLC | 15,004.26 | Fred Lakin- Highway Supplies | 7.99 |
| American Red Cross | 200.00 | Fremont Nelson Lawns | 1,020.00 |
| Apex Software | 195.00 | G & B Electric | 1,072.14 |
| Auto Mall | 2,056.19 | G & K Services | 2,240.83 |
| B & B Septic | 587.50 | Gateway | 861.30 |
| Blue Cross Blue Shield of VT | 55,607.60 | Gene Perkins- Fire Dept. | 520.30 |
| BDS Waste Disposal, Inc. | 427.20 | Gene Perkins-Fire Dept Supplies | 426.85 |
| Bergeron Protective Clothing | 228.00 | Gidding Manufacturing Co., Inc | 3,000.00 |
| Zac Bergh - Fire Dept | 331.10 | Goodridge Lumber | 440.00 |
| Blue Mountain Little League | 100.00 | The Gorman Group | 939.37 |
| Blue Mountain Union School | 1,635,681.08 | Grafton County Sheriff's Dept | 1,500.00 |
| Bond Auto Parts | 207.29 | Green Mountain Power | 4,285.83 |
| Brandon Perkins-Fire Dept | 165.55 | Greg Murray - Fire Dept | 212.85 |
| Brendan Smith | 200.00 | Groton - Ryegate Fast Squad | 8,000.00 |
| C. Ainsworth Trucking & Exc. | 2,530.00 | Groton Food Shelf | 300.00 |
| Caledonia County Sheriff's Department | 3,030.00 | Harold Scott | 1,010.00 |
| Caledonian-Record | 108.00 | Caledonia Home Health | 1,000.00 |
| Calkins Portable Toilets | 465.00 | Howard P. Fairfield, LLC | 13,021.24 |
| Catamount Arts | 400.00 | IDS | 110.52 |
| Christina M. Catterall | 457.50 | Interstate Battery | 550.75 |
| Vermont Center for Independent Living | 265.00 | J D's Repair | 1,149.37 |
| Charles Fisher- Fire Dept. | 558.14 | J & B International Trucks, Inc. | 1,628.29 |
| Chief Logging & Construction Inc. | 27,306.38 | John Deere Financial | 202.42 |
| Christopher Chartier- Fire Dept. | 598.34 | K&T Environmental Equipment, Inc. | 11,546.48 |
| Clark's Truck Center | 16,892.08 | Kansas State Bank | 17,148.23 |
| Copies & More | 921.84 | Kelley MacKenzie Auto Parts | 357.00 |
| County Treasurer | 20,798.24 | Kettinger Appraisal Service | 700.00 |
| Dads 4 By Tool and Supply | 266.64 | Kristine Elder | 156.06 |
| Darcy Nelson Log Hauling | 180.00 | Kingdom Animal Shelter | 500.00 |
| Darlings Auto Repair, Inc | 349.55 | Kofile Preservation, Inc | 567.97 |
| Darlings Service Center of Ryegate,LLC | 105.00 | Larry Welch - Highway Supplies | 6.94 |
| Darryl Perkins- Fire Dept. | 373.67 | Lauren Nelson | 339.14 |
| Darryl Perkins - Fire Dept. Supplies | 6.41 | Levi Welch- Fire Dept. | 208.12 |
| Donna Longmoore | 225.00 | Little River's Health Care | 2,000.00 |
| Dufresne & Associates | 1,192.25 | Lowell Mcleods, Inc. | 1,183.95 |
| Earthchem Incorporated | 1,742.92 | M E O'Brien & Sons, Inc | 181.50 |
| Elizabeth Beauvais-Lister Supplies | 105.00 | Maine Oxy | 2,682.05 |
| Endyne, Inc | 290.00 | Makayla Perkins- Fire Dept. | 528.05 |
| Everett J. Prescott, Inc | 121.74 | Marsha Nelson- Town Supplies & Retirem. | 1,483.39 |
| Robert Farquharson | 3,026.00 | Mary Dole | 234.09 |
| Fat Cow | 119.88 | Gary Mason | 590.00 |
| | | McCullough Crushing, Inc. | 36,000.75 |

List of Vendors

| Vendor Expense- continued | Amount | Vendor | Amount |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Merchants Bank | 1,666.66 | State of Vermont | 210.41 |
| Meyers Container Corp. | 5,796.00 | State of Vermont- Wastewater Testing | 270.00 |
| Napa Auto Parts | 1,375.82 | Steve Kimball Repair | 1,986.78 |
| Neil Emerson - Fire Dept | 704.77 | Steven Dawson - Fire Dept | 283.80 |
| Northeast Kingdom Learning Services | 200.00 | Tenco New England, Inc. | 1,546.72 |
| Northeast Kingdom Waste Management | 172.94 | The Frame Dames | 285.96 |
| Northeast Kingdom Youth Services | 250.00 | Thomas Cole - Fire Dept | 643.28 |
| NEMRC | 2,741.86 | Thomas Fadden - Fire Dept | 37.84 |
| New England Truck Tire | 4,295.80 | Tiffany Fisher - Fire Dept. | 359.48 |
| Newbury Vet Clinic | 238.05 | Town of Haverhill | 480.00 |
| NEK Mental Health | 500.00 | Town of Millinocket | 15,000.00 |
| NVDA | 2,244.78 | Town of Ryegate | 148,209.85 |
| Oxbow Senior Independence Program | 300.00 | Track-Side Farm & Garden | 840.00 |
| Patricia Crocker | 156.06 | Twin State Mutual Aid Fire Assoc. | 990.00 |
| Paul Keenan | 256.32 | U I Insurance Services Inc. | 1,974.00 |
| Penny L. Lezer - Fire Dept | 368.94 | UltiPlay Parks & Playground | 6,217.00 |
| Perry's Oil Service | 210.12 | Umbrella | 400.00 |
| Pete's Rubbish | 1,316.65 | UniFirst | 2,995.31 |
| Pike Industries, Inc | 95,115.08 | United States Postmaster | 1,346.54 |
| Power Plan | 4,630.82 | Vermont Area Office on Aging | 300.00 |
| Rachael Anne Barton - Fire Dept | 198.66 | Vermont Department of Health | 5.50 |
| Ralph L. Osgood, Inc | 4,924.90 | Vt Department of Motor Vehicles | 10.00 |
| Rural Community Transportation, Inc | 850.00 | Vermont Fire Extinguisher | 62.25 |
| Reed Supply | 103.70 | Vermont Green Up | 25.00 |
| Regina Hazel-Lister Supplies | 1,738.25 | Vt Recreational Surfacing | 1,113.00 |
| Repro Digital/Champlain Valley | 1,620.70 | Vermont State Treasurer | 1,323.00 |
| Reynolds & Son, Inc | 726.57 | Vermont Department of Taxes | 5,908.81 |
| Rick Colby | 1,150.00 | VLCT | 2,392.00 |
| Rinker Communication | 8,011.80 | VLCT Prop & Casualty Intern. Fund, Inc. | 29,965.00 |
| Ron Fenoff Excavating, LLC | 1,230.00 | VLCT Unemployment Ins Trust Inc | 410.00 |
| Ross Business Center | 868.95 | VMERS DB | 24,984.35 |
| Rowden Bros. Co., Inc. | 2,215.00 | VMHA | 75.00 |
| Russell Graphics | 1,520.00 | Vermont State Firefighters' Assoc. | 329.00 |
| Ryebrook Construction, Inc. | 24,891.40 | Walter E. Jock Oil Co., Inc. | 63,042.19 |
| Ryegate Small Animal Hospital | 229.00 | Wells River Savings | 5,000.00 |
| Ryegate Cemetery Commission | 8,500.00 | Winget's Ground Maintenance | 480.00 |
| Ryegate Fire Dept | 6,255.93 | Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank | 1,499.96 |
| Ryegate Fire District #2 | 330.00 | Woodsville Area Fourth of July Com. | 200.00 |
| Ryegate Historical Society | 200.00 | Woodsville Fire District | 14,675.00 |
| Saint Michael's College | 120.00 | Work Safe | 750.25 |
| Sally Wilson - Lister Postage | 29.24 | wyBatap | 569.00 |
| South Ryegate Library | 600.00 | Zuccaro, Willis & Sipples | 1,174.20 |
| Stan's Excavating | 5,920.98 | Various- Tax and Payable Overpayments | 6,068.76 |
| Stantec | 9,270.25 | | |
| | | TOTAL | 2,500,150.26 |

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.

29 -Males----- \$ 350.00

16 Females----- \$ 192.00

184 Spayed/Neutered \$1,476.00

1 Kennel-----\$44.00

Total Receipts----\$2,062.00

Less Fees Paid Town Clerk \$432.00

Less State Rabies Fees--- \$868.00

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, 2013 |
| Karen & Donna Bicket | 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 |
| Christopher Cartier | 2011, 2012, 2013 |
| Robert Davis | 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 |
| Pat & Cindy Enger | 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 |
| Dan & Mary Florentine | 2013 |
| Robert & Brenda Gelsleichter | 2013 |
| Ryan Karpuska | 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 |
| Robert & Barbara Mace | 2013 |
| Francis & Betty Patton | 2011, 2012, 2013 |
| Angela Paye | 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 |
| Doug & April Paye | |
| Hall Road Parcell | 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 |
| Creamery Road Parcell | 2013 |
| Tracy Phelps | 2102, 2013 |
| Richard & Cathy Roy | 2013 |
| Troy & Jessica Sanborn | 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 |
| Leonard & Susan Spencer | 2010, 2011, 2012 |

Delinquent Taxes

| SOUTH RYEGATE SEWER USERS TAX DUE | | 2013 DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES | |
|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 2012 & 2013 SOUTH RYEGATE SEWER TAXES | | Fortunati, Michael | |
| Spencer, Leonard | \$ 2,000.00 | Gilman Housing Trust | |
| <i>Total Due by Report Printing</i> | \$ 2,000.00 | Greene, Michael & Pauline | |
| <i>Total Paid Since 12/31/13</i> | \$ - | Hartson, Ray & Shirley | |
| <i>Total Due 12/31/13</i> | \$ 2,000.00 | Haskell, Elizabeth | |
| PROPERTY TAXES DUE | | Hencler, Andrew | |
| 2011 DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES | | Hurley, Dennis | |
| <i>Total Due by Report Printing</i> | \$ - | Jackson, Mark & Brenda | |
| <i>Total Paid Since 12/31/13</i> | \$ 2,617.07 | Johnson, Robert C. Jr. | |
| <i>Total Due 12/31/13</i> | \$ 2,617.07 | Kalnins, Peter & Michelle | |
| 2012 DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES | | Karpuska, Ryan | |
| Allen, Earl & Donna | | Katsenes, William | |
| Barata, Michael & Christina | | Laundry, Marshall Life Lease | |
| Bishop, John | | Locke, Margaret | |
| Blood, Brian | | Longmeadow Inn | |
| Caswell, Kathy | | Longmoore, Andrew | |
| Davis, Robert L. | | Mace, Robert & Barbara | |
| Farris, Michael & Marilyn | | Makris, Victor Trustee | |
| Fortunati, Michael | | Marocchini, David A | |
| Haskell, Elizabeth | | McLure, Jared & Katherine | |
| Jackson, Mark & Brenda | | Menk, Timothy | |
| Karpuska, Ryan | | Murray, Gordon & Patsy | |
| Katsenes, William | | Patneaud, Steve | |
| Menk, Timothy | | Pelletier, Carlton | |
| Pelletier, Carlton | | Perkins, Darryl & Dottie | |
| Phelps, Tracy & Sherri | | Peters, Christopher | |
| Potter, Bradley & Beth | | Phelps, Tracy & Sherri | |
| Potter, Lana L. | | Potter, Bradley M & Beth | |
| Spencer, Leonard & Susan | | Potter, Lana L. | |
| Sulham, Jason Robert | | Ricker, Harvey | |
| Zwicker, Leon | | Sheppard, Topaz | |
| <i>Total Due by Report Printing</i> | \$ 32,789.88 | Speer, Linda | |
| <i>Total Paid Since 12/31/13</i> | \$ 2,874.87 | Speer, Lewis | |
| <i>Total Due 12/31/13</i> | \$ 35,664.75 | Spencer, Leonard & Susan | |
| 2013 DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES | | Sulham, Jason Robert | |
| Allen, Earl & Donna | | Swiechowicz, Steven | |
| Barata, Michael & Christina | | Vaine, Wallace | |
| Bickel, Donna | | Vaine, Wallace George | |
| Bishop, John | | Webster, Daniel & Mary | |
| Blood, Brian | | White, Benjamin R. & Jennifer | |
| Caron, David | | White, Randy & Barbara | |
| Caswell, Kathy | | Wright, James & Patti-Jo | |
| Christy, Terry & Robin | | Yeaton, Kirk A | |
| Coley, Frederick & Joyce | | Zwicker, Leon P. | |
| Cox, Kathryn | | | \$ 108,426.37 |
| Crawford, Bruce & Risa | | <i>Total Due by Report Printing</i> | \$ 9,978.01 |
| Darling, Barak | | <i>Total Paid Since 12/31/13</i> | \$ 118,404.38 |
| Davis, Robert L. | | <i>Total Due 12/31/13</i> | |
| Dinsmore, Conn Sr. | | | |
| Emerson, Brian | | | |
| Englert, George E. | | Due to the Vermont Supreme Court decision on the disclosure of confidential tax bill information, | |
| Esposito, Jerry P. Jr. | | we have not included the amount of the delinquency for any individual property. | |
| Farley, Daniel & Barbara | | | |
| Farris, Michael & Marilyn | | | |
| Florentine, Jerod & Dawn | | | |

Ryegate Fire Department Report

This year we acquired a Mini Pumper to replace the Pumper in South Ryegate . We had been looking into replacing this truck but could not justify the \$60,000.00 to \$100,000.00 price tag on a vehicle we wanted to fill the gap in our inventory. The need was for a vehicle that could get into these narrow winding camp and residential roads and be more operator friendly to the younger generation. In visiting with K&T Fire Equipment I was asked if anyone was looking for a Mini Pumper for around \$10,000.00. This truck was delivered new in 1988 to Millinocket but had not seen much service (3000 miles). We purchased the this Ford F-350 6x6 Diesel 500 gpm pump and 200 gallons water tank for \$12000.00. K&T serviced made changes and additions as we requested and we brought it home for under \$20,000.00 dollars.

We have been fortunate this year to gain four new members to the department, three new to the fire service and one trained and former member of a local department.

The lighting in the Corner station has been getting so bad we had only 1 ½ fixtures operating on the west side. After researching the options of replacing ballasts, fixture sockets and tubes,(which are being phased out) retro fitting present fixtures to the new T-8 tubes and replacing all fixtures with LED lighting. We opted to go with replacing the 11 present fixtures with 9 LED's. Our reasoning was that with the state rebate we could purchase new at nearly the same cost as retro fitting and the high efficiency of the LED's would be a cost savings in power usage and cost. We are moving forward in replacing the lighting in the other station and the outside flood lights at both stations with LED lighting.

This year responses are as follows:

| | | | |
|----|-------------------------------|----|------------------------|
| 4 | Structure Fires | 5 | Dispatched & Cancelled |
| 12 | Vehicle Accidents | 2 | Brush and Forest |
| 3 | Power Lines Down | 3 | C O Detector |
| 2 | Smoke Investigations | 2 | Good Intent Calls |
| 1 | Trash Fire | 1 | Trash Fire |
| 3 | Chimney Fires | 2 | Smoke Investigations |
| 2 | Vehicle Fires | 2 | Respond to Alarm |
| 1 | Lightning Strike | 43 | Total Responses |
| 17 | Of the Total were Mutual Aids | | |

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

Respectfully Submitted
Gene A. Perkins Chief

Ryegate Fire Warden Report

Ryegate had one Wild Land Fire this year in May off of Gibson Road. It was extremely dry and the fire moved fast over 3 acres. The cause of the fire was not determined.

A burn permit is required for any outside burning unless there is snow coverage on the site. Even thou a permit is not required a phone call of your intent to burn is much appreciated.

DON'T BURN THAT TRASH

It's Dangerous It's Poisonous and It's Against The Law

Burning your trash makes it disappear until it turns up in your lungs. Today's trash contain polyvinyl chloride & polystyrene that produces dioxins and furans two of the most toxic cancer causing substance known.

To request a permit:

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

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 2013 | ----- |
| | \$1,358,985.00 |

Cemetery Commissioners Narrative

2013 saw the completion of three projects:

A boundary fence bordering Pinehurst Cemetery and the Robert Johnson residence was replaced by Rick Colby and sons. It is a woven wire/cedar post construction which will survive the elements for many years to come.

New gates for Hillside Cemetery were installed by VT Recreation, Monroe, NH. In addition to the main gate, the side gate and the walk in gate were also replaced. constructed of chain link, these much needed improvements have enhanced the beauty of the cemetery.

Stumping, leveling, seeding and top soil work were completed by Matt Puffer in the Spring in preparation of upcoming mowing season.

A section of Blue Mtn Cemetery was cleaned by Gandin Bros., Inc in time for the 250th celebration in the fall. The Cameron granite spiral was also cleaned by Tom Gandin (donated) with the assistance of Mike Blair and his hydraulic lift. Cleaning, straightening and repairing is an ongoing project every year. Mowing for all four cemeteries was again contracted to Wingets Lawn Service of Groton. 3 lots were sold in Blue Mtn Cemetery this year, none in Pinehurst. Our thanks to the Selectboard and taxpayers for their continued support; the road crew for their help on maintenance projects; Harvey Ricker and Tony Dennis (caretakers) and Wingets Lawn Care for jobs well done. Once again, we want to remind everyone to contact the Commissioners or Town Clerk prior to any burials or installation of products on cemetery lots that does not fall under the rules and regulations adopted by the Commission. We are always available to answer questions and concerns or discuss any suggestions you might have for improving our Ryegate Cemeteries.

Cemetery Treasurer's Report

| | | |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Balance on Hand 12/31/12 | \$2,780.90 | |
| Income: | | |
| Town of Ryegate | \$8,500.00 | |
| Sale of Lots | \$680.00 | |
| American Funds | \$325.32 | |
| Irene Milton | <u>\$40.00</u> | |
| | \$9,545.32 | |
| TOTAL INCOME | | \$12,326.22 |
| Expenses: | | |
| Lawn Care- J. Winget | \$7,850.00 | |
| Cleaning Stones- Blue Mtn | \$1,100.00 | |
| Maintenance & Supplies | \$1,283.00 | |
| Electricity | \$135.19 | |
| Misc., dues VCA | <u>\$93.49</u> | |
| | \$10,461.68 | |
| Checkbook Balance and Balance on Hand 12/31/13: | \$1,864.54 | |

Savings and Invested Funds

| WRSB | Bal. 12/31/12 | Bal. 11/16/13 |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| CD#907623 | 50,756.08 | 50,959.47 |
| CD#907624 | 20,170.78 | 20,216.16 |
| CD#907625 | 29,714.81 | 29,766.79 |
| CD#811855 | 10,582.05 | 10,624.46 |
| Savings Account | 905.03 | 905.36 |
| American Funds | 10,268.48 | 13,360.30 |

Planning Commission/ Zoning Board Report

This year Al Sponheimer decided to retire after many years of dedicated service as Ryegate's Zoning Administrator. We thank you, Al, for your interest and willingness to serve the town.

Donna Longmoore has agreed to take this position and is "learning the ropes" quickly.

This year we have had a change of one board member. Peggy Pearl stepped down for the time being and we would like to thank her for her service to the board. Her input was valuable. Alice Allen has been named as her replacement.

We have been working on updating our Zoning By-Laws to bring them into the 21st Century. Alison Lowe of NVDA has been hired to help us.

Your Planning and Zoning Board meets on the third Monday of most months at the town office.

Anyone planning on building or making structural changes, please file an application and check with Donna before beginning. It is imperative that she approve a project before it is begun. Forms are available at the town website at ryegatevt.org or at the town office.

Respectfully submitted,

Fremont Nelson, Chair Mary Dole, Clerk
Alice Allen, Walter Bragg, Richard Colby II,
William Elder, Dr. Stephen Genereaux,
Scott Ordway, Nancy Perkins

Kingdom Animal Shelter

Kingdom Animal Shelter is a non-profit organization located in St. Johnsbury, serving the Northeast Kingdom. We provide many services to the area, including accepting stray and unwanted cats to our shelter, rescues from abusive and hoarding situations, and trap/neuter/release, or TNR of feral and barn cats. In 2011 we rescued over 15 cats from a hoarding situation at a house on the Groton/Ryegate town line, and in 2012 year we completed a TNR of 8 cats from a farm in Ryegate Corner. We routinely field calls from residents of Ryegate who are looking both to place and adopt cats. We operate with no federal funding, which means we depend on the generosity of towns and individuals to meet our operating expenses. The town's generous donation in November will provide care and services for some of the area's most needy cats. We're once again asking for a contribution of \$500 to assist us in our mission of reducing the area's cat overpopulation and providing a safe, clean shelter for both the relinquishment and adoption of cats.

Thank you for your consideration,
Carol Davies

2013 Report of S Ryegate Public Library, Inc (to account for Revenue Sharing Funds only)

Revenue Sharing Funds in Treas. 1-1-13.....\$.00
Received Town of Ryegate Nov 2013.....\$200.00
Expended toward operating expenses (2013)..\$200.00

Revenue Sharing Funds in Treas. 12-31-13.....\$.00

2013 Report of Marion Hall Trust Fund S Ryegate Public Library, Inc

Balance in Treas. 1-1-13.....\$538.61
Received Town of Ryegate Nov 2013.....\$400.00
Total Receipts.....\$983.61
Books Purchased.....\$84.10
Balance in Treas. 12-31-13.....\$899.51

2013 Report of Ryegate Corner Library

Balance in Checkbook 1-1-12.....\$121.99
Balance in Checkbook 12-31-12.....\$121.99
Balance in Checkbook 1-1-13.....\$121.99
Balance in Checkbook 12-31-13.....\$121.99

(The Library Commission is considering closing out this account and turning the money over to the South Ryegate Library which is currently the only library in town.

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
Dwight White

Jennifer Nelson
Robert Rowden

Ryegate Historical Society

2013 being the 250th Anniversary of the granting of the Charter for the Town of Ryegate by Governor Benning Wentworth of Massachusetts, the Ryegate Historical Society cooperated with the 250th Anniversary Committee in making the celebration of that event the success that it was.

There were two program events held in Whitelaw Hall as follows: **August 21st** – Annual Meeting of the Society with Potluck Picnic Supper proceeding. The speaker was Dwight White who had served as chair of the “911” Road Naming Committee. Drawing on the research done at the time he used the simple topic “**The Names of Ryegate’s Roads**”, emphasizing both the historical and common usage road names. Input from older residents attending the meeting was both interesting and helpful, spiked with good humor. **October 23rd** – Delsie Hoyt, a 4th generation descendent of Nettie (Mrs. John H.) Nelson of Ryegate, displayed her collection of her great grandmother’s braided rugs which contains some unique patterns and colors, all made from woolen scrapes available to her. **September 7th** – Ryegate Charter Day. See a full report elsewhere in this Town Report.

Officers reelected for 2013-14 were Dover Ford, president, Melvin Nelson, vice president, and Dwight White, Secretary-Treasurer. Board members Earl Ashcroft and Molly Fisher were elected to serve additional terms of three years to the Class of 2016. Other members of the Board are: Marsha Nelson and Hodd Symes (Class of 2015), George Murphy and Peter Sinclair (Class of 2015).

The RHS has copies of both the “Reprint” of the 1913 Ryegate History by Miller and Wells, and the “Down of the Thistle – Ryegate In the 20th Century” by Dwight White. Books are also available in the Town Office.

The RHS wishes to thank all have supported the work, programs and memorabilia collections of the Society. The \$200.00 yearly contribution allocated in the Town’s Budget is also appreciated.



Dwight A. White, Secretary/Treasurer

Ticklenaked Pond Association Report

In 2013 the Town of Ryegate, through the efforts of the Ticklenaked Pond Association, received an Aquatic Nuisance Grant-in-Aid from the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation in the amount of \$9,100.00. The Grant was awarded to manage and remove the invasive species Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) which first appeared in the pond 3 years ago. This was a matching grant, and members of the lake association matched 30% of this award by providing equivalent man-hours used to search, hand pull and remove EWM from the lake and shoreline and administer the project. The monies were used to engage A & E Commercial Diving Co. of Manchester Center, Vt. to perform ten days of suction harvesting. Their efforts were focused on creating a channel thru the heavy growth area from the State boat launch out to the deeper part of the lake. These efforts should slow the spread of the invasion by reducing the plant's fragmentation by boating activity.

A representative group from Ticklenaked Pond Association met with the State's invasive plant specialist and the president of A & E Commercial Diving Co. to discuss the future of EWM in Ticklenaked Pond. The consensus was that suction harvesting and hand pulling, the methods used to date, will not be enough to manage EWM growth. The alternative approach of a chemical treatment to greatly reduce the invasive population is currently under consideration, an option that requires a study to ensure environmental safety. Ticklenaked Pond Association, in cooperation with the Town, will apply for another Grant-in-Aid to fund a plant survey this summer, which is the first requirement in a strictly regulated path to chemical use. The next step will be raising the funds necessary to pay for the procedure and for a five year follow up program required by the State of Vermont.

Regarding another aspect of the Pond's water quality, Ticklenaked Pond Association and the State of Vermont have been working on the reduction of phosphate levels in the lake for many years. For the past 15 years the Association has undertaken a program to eliminate sources of phosphorus pollution. Among these efforts were steps to eliminate agricultural runoff, build and repair culverts, redirect water run-off from driveways with water bars and trenches, install rain barrels on shoreline properties and control of beaver dams and the pollution they cause. Having reduced external sources of phosphorus, the State of Vermont has awarded the Town a grant in the amount of \$95,990 for treatment of phosphorus deposits within the Pond. Treatment is expected to take place in the Spring of 2014. A positive result from the Alum treatment will be a noticeable increase in visibility and clarity in the lake. It is further hoped that this improvement in water quality will also enhance our efforts to control EWM.

The Ryegate community can help the health of Ticklenaked Pond in several ways;

- 1. Wash off your boat before putting it in the lake and after taking it out.** This will ensure the plant is not being transported to or from another body of water.
- 2. Remove any floating pieces of EWM you see on the lake.** Fragments that are not attached to the stemmed plant will reestablish themselves as a new plant. A picture and information about EWM is at the State boat launch.
- 3. Pick up any EWM plants on the shoreline.** The plants need to be removed from the beach area, composted or bagged and thrown away.
- 4. Please do not take a motorboat or paddle through a dense patch of EWM.** The plants that have surfaced will fragment and drop to the bottom of the lake, root and become another plant.

If you would like to help or get involved in the health of our community treasure, please contact Sally Wilson 584-3333

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 1,500 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 2014 legislature. As little financial resources at the national and state level force more demand for services to the local level.

- **Purchasing opportunities** to provide needed services at the lowest cost. Examples include municipal employee health insurance and liability coverage for town operations. The VLCT Health Trust continues to help towns with Vermont Health Connect and to help municipalities not in the exchange secure health insurance through the marketplace. The substantial municipal damage resulting from Tropical Storm Irene and the storms of the summer of 2013 makes the value of VLCT Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF) to all our members painfully clear, as they benefitted from the broad coverage, excellent re-insurance, and prompt service and claims payments. In 2010, our three Trusts were responsible for \$43 million in municipal tax dollars spent for insurance and risk management services.

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

Groton Ryegate FAST Squad

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

Groton- 62 Calls

Ryegate- 59 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

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 332 Ryegate residents last year, which represents ~29% if 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.

Northeast Kingdom Learning Services Inc.

Northeast Kingdom Learning Services (NEKLS) is requesting town funds to help support the programs that NEKLS delivers to your area. Adult educational services, job skills, transitional support and family services are some of the many programs that are available to residents of the area. NEKLS also has Community Education Centers in Newport, Hardwick and Canaan, with part-time centers in Island Pond and Gilman.

For over 40 years, NEKLS has been serving the residents of Orleans, Essex and Caledonia counties. Services are provided to people of all ages wanting to earn a high school diploma or GED, to learn basic computer skills, or to improve college and career readiness skills. Our Adult Education program provides a wide variety of free services.

In 2013, NEKLS introduced the NEKLS Mobile Lab to the Northeast Kingdom. The Mobile Lab was funded by a grant from FairPoint Communications and the vehicle to transport the Mobile Lab was generously donated by North Point and the Auto Saver Group. We now have one more way to bring services to the most rural areas of the Northeast Kingdom.

Partnering with local schools, the NEKLS Tutorial program provides academic support to students of all grade levels who may be struggling in school. While parents with children ages 0-6 are able to access help through our Children's Integrated Services program which promotes a child's growth and development and supports families during pregnancy/postpartum and their child's early years.

State and Federal budget challenges continue to impact the funding of community non-profit organizations such as NEKLS. As a result, town funds are vital to our efforts to introduce new instructional options and maintain the same level of high program quality. We hope you will continue to support NEKLS as we look forward to another year of being a supportive partner in the community.

We respectfully request an appropriation of \$200.00 for the coming year.

Northeastern Vermont Development Association

The NVDA- the State's only regional planning commission and economic development corporation- has been serving Ryegate for more than 60 years. We continue to assist local officials with land use, transportation, and emergency planning, and we serve the businesses of the Kingdom, promoting sustainable economic growth.

In 2013, NVDA assisted Ryegate by providing zoning technical assistance, including the preparation of new zoning regulations. We geo-referenced Flood Insurance Rate Maps so that they are available in a digital format for planning purposes. We also updated the Town's All Hazard Mitigation Plan, which was required for a FEMA buy out. For communities and businesses in the region, NVDA is the first contact for information and technical support on land use planning, project development, permitting, financing, and grant assistance. We maintain staff in Newport and St. Johnsbury, which allows us to better meet the needs of our vast region. You can visit our website, www.nvda.net, and follow us on Facebook for the latest news and events, and planning resources.

Catamount Arts

The residents and voters of Ryegate played a very important role in the success of Catamount Arts during 2013. 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 100 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 1,000 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

Umbrella exists to ensure that communities in Caledonia, Orleans and Essex counties offer safety, support and options for self-determination to women and families. To this end, we provide the following services:

The Advocacy Program is the essential safety net for people affected by intimate partner violence and sexual abuse. **In 2013 we:**

- **supported 892 individuals with direct advocacy**
- **responded to an average of 163 crisis hotline calls per month**
- **housed 26 adults and 10 children in our shelter for a total of 1,073 bed-nights, and**
- **reached 318 adults and 728 youth with our prevention programming.**

Kingdom Child Care Connection is the community-based child care resource and referral center for Caledonia and Southern Essex counties. **In 2013 we:**

- **helped 80 families find high-quality child care for a total of 107 children at no-cost, and**
- **connected over 445 families with the State of Vermont's Child Care Financial Assistance Program.**

The Family Room is a supervised visitation and monitored exchange center offering child-centered support for parents seeking to establish or rebuild relationships with their children. **Last year we helped 102 children develop safe, healthy relationships with their non-residential parent.**

Cornucopia is our newest program geared towards helping women-in-transition achieve economic self-sufficiency. This 17-week job-skills training program introduces women to the culinary arts as they prepare Meals-on-Wheels for Newport-area seniors. **To date, Cornucopia has provided 2,096 nutritionally-balanced meals to Newport-area seniors and has recently begun operating a senior meal site once a week.**

Given that some of our services are provided anonymously, it can be difficult to provide precise usage figures for towns. At least 8 Ryegate households and 1 child care provider were served directly by Umbrella in 2013, 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 programming and discovering innovative new approaches to the work we do. We are deeply grateful for Ryegate's support.

Cottage Hospital

It has been another very exciting year at Cottage Hospital. We have spent the past year evaluating our community needs and strategy for our future, while recognizing our 110th year of successfully caring for our community. Fiscally, Financial Year 2013 closed with a positive bottom line amidst a very challenging time in healthcare. At Cottage Hospital, we are all proud of the personal care that we are able to provide to our patients. Time and time again, we hear about the outstanding care that patients and family members have received while with us.

We know our communities are supportive of our institution, and we are extremely grateful for the financial support that our area towns have provided over the years. Although funds are always needed and welcomed, we know that there are many worthy organizations also asking for money this year. Therefore, the Board of Trustees has decided NOT to ask the towns for financial support for the 19th consecutive year. We thank you for your continued support and pledge to continue to do our best to provide you and your families with the highest quality of healthcare possible.

Green Up Vermont

The weather warmed up just in time for Green Up Day 2013! Many towns reported an increase in volunteers, with some towns setting all-time records. Coordinators overall reported seeing and collecting less trash. We are beginning to track illegal dumpsites by town as well, with the help of our coordinators. Green Up Day celebrated 43 years in 2013. Green Up Vermont is the not-for-profit 501(c) (3) organization responsible for continuing the success of Green Up Day. The success of Green Up for Vermont depends upon two essential ingredients: one is the combined efforts of individuals and civic groups volunteering to make it all possible; and two, the financial support given by the public and private sectors throughout Vermont. The "State" does not "do" Green Up Day. With your town's help, we can continue Vermont's unique annual tradition of taking care of our beautiful landscape and promoting civic pride so our children grow up with Green Up. Our coordinators tell us that **most of their volunteer force is families with young children**. Green Up Vermont focuses on education for grades K-12 with activities such as a curriculum for K-4, activity booklets, a story and drawing booklet, and the annual poster and writing contests for grades K-12. Please visit www.greenupvermont.org to learn more. Careful use of resources minimizes Green Up's costs. The State appropriates funds that cover about 12 percent of our budget. Last year, appropriations from cities and towns covered 18 percent of our budget. These funds pay for supplies including over 46,000 Green Up trash bags, promotion, education, and services of two part-time employees. We ask your community to contribute because when you support Green Up Vermont you are not just supporting a program but Vermont and the people who live – and visit – here.

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

Area Agency on Aging for Northeastern Vermont

The Area Agency on Aging is a private, nonprofit organization serving the residents of Caledonia, Essex, and Orleans counties. We support people age 60 and older in their efforts to remain active, healthy, financially secure and in control of their own lives. The agency connects older adults and their families with services they need to live with independence and dignity. During the past year, your support allowed us to provide assistance to 57 residents of Ryegate as well as more than 1000 seniors from across the Northeast Kingdom. Thank you for your support over the years and for your help in letting people know about the services we provide. To learn more, please call 802-748-5180 or email at info@nevaaa.org.

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'13, 7 residents of Ryegate received services from the following services- Peer Advocacy Counseling Program, 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

Executive Committee Report

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

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

The District welcomed the town of Topsham in 2013. We continue to serve the largest geographical area and largest number of towns (49) in the State. Our population served is 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 2014 the NEKWMD will be looking to assist our members in complying with the provisions of Act 148, strengthen outreach to businesses and seasonal residents, and promote greater participation in recycling programs throughout the Northeast Kingdom.

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

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

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

NEKWMD Executive Committee

NEK Waste Management Supervisors Report

The Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District Is comprised of towns in Essex, Caledonia, Orleans, Washington and Orange Counties and is the largest in area and smallest in population. The district is now 25 years old and the only district that each member towns, voters vote on the budget.

Act 148 is the big item in the district now with all it's mandates to be completed by 2020. Here is a brief description of the items that are going to effect you.

2014 all facilities must accept residential recyclables at no extra cost

2015 recyclables banned from the landfill

2016 leaf, yard and clean wood debris are banned from the landfill

2017 transfer stations must accept food scraps

2020 food scraps banned from landfill

The budget this year is a 2.2 % increase over 2013, in line with the cost of living and mostly due the cost of and volume of diesel fuel.

Groton/ Ryegate Recycling Attendants Report

2013 was another year of increased volume in recyclables through our facility to include scrap metal and electronics. We did start the Compost collection this summer with a half dozen using the service. It is easy to do and the food that can be composted is most all of your household food scraps.

Act 148 is going to make big changes in how we dispose of our waste, and food waste out of the waste stream is a major part of it. Food waste is one of the waste stream items that can be easily made into a product of great value to all of us, and without great cost .

We had a cement slab made for the scrap metal container so it is up out of the mud and allows the trucker to set it closer to the wall. Thanks to Robert Farquharson for getting that project completed.

NEK Waste Management District Budget Vote

WARNING

NEK WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BUDGET VOTE

MARCH 4, 2014

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

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

| | |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| Steve Gray | John ... |
| Kenneth J. Johnston | Claude O. Phipps |
| Donna ... | Joel ... |
| ... | James W. ... |
| Halper ... | Gene ... |
| Deborah ... | Peter ... |
| ... | Blue ... |
| Ed ... | |
| Suzanne Smith | |
| Peter ... | |
| Mary ... | |
| Kevin ... | |
| Tom ... | |
| Walter ... | |
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BMU School District #21 Warning and Notice

WARNING & NOTICE

BLUE MOUNTAIN UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT #21

ANNUAL MEETING

AND

PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING

March 3 and March 4, 2014

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 3, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. 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 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 4, 2014.

The legal voters of the Blue Mountain Union School District are further notified and warned to meet at the following locations:

Ryegate: Town Hall in Ryegate Corner

Groton: Groton Community Building in Groton

Wells River: Village Garage in Wells River

BMU School District #21 Warning and Notice

On Tuesday, March 4, 2014 between 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. there will be a vote by Australian Ballot on the following questions:

Article #1 (School Budget): Shall the voters of the Blue Mountain Union School District #21 appropriate \$8,241,782.06 necessary for the support of its schools for the year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015?

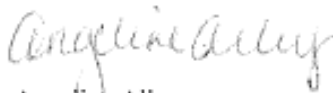
Article #2: Shall the voters of the Blue Mountain Union School District #21 authorize public improvements, including the installation of a new fire alarm system, replacement burners for the two (2) boilers and repair and resurfacing of the driveway and parking lots, in the amount not to exceed \$295,000 to be financed over a period not to exceed 5 years?

Signed by the Board of School Directors this twenty-second day of January, 2014 at Wells River, Vermont.

Blue Mountain Union School District #21



Bruce Stevens



Angeline Alley



Nicole Little



E. Paul Hazel



Henry Eaton



Thomas Page



Judy Murray

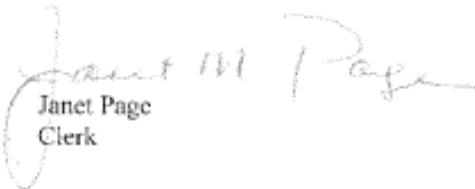


Ronald Phillips



Brenda Powers

The foregoing has been duly recorded before posting.



Janet Page
Clerk

Synopsis of March 5, 2013 Town Meeting

- ARTICLE 1: Regina Hazel was elected Moderator, Marsha Nelson was elected Town Clerk.
- ARTICLE 2: The reports of the Town Officers were accepted and the municipal and road budget of \$926,264.47 was passed.
- ARTICLE 3: The Town voted not to raise money for an outside audit for the year ending December 31, 2012
- ARTICLE 4: The Town voted to collect property taxes in one installment, due September 10th and to become delinquent October 10th.
- ARTICLE 5: The Town voted to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money, if necessary to defray current expenses of the Town.
- ARTICLE 6: The Town voted to raise money by taxation to meet the 2013 General fund and Road fund budgets.
- ARTICLE 7: The Town elected two School Directors for three year terms: Bruce Stevens & Paul Hazel.
- ARTICLE 8: Cheryl Slayton was elected Treasurer. Claudette Sortino was elected to the Select Board. John Zampieri was elected Town Agent, Dean Rowden was elected First Grand Juror, Sally Wilson was elected Lister. Barbara Smith was elected Auditor, Marsha Nelson was elected Library Trustee, Judy Gandin was elected Cemetery Commissioner.
- ARTICLE 9: The Town elected Dale Wright as Collector of Delinquent Taxes with his fees and commissions as in the past.
- ARTICLE 10: The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 PM after nonbinding discussion of several topics ranging from school spending to clearer articles on the warning to thanking the 250th Committee.

Vital Statistics

Civil Marriages

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Names</u> |
|-------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1-13 | Lauren Collins & Andrew Nelson |
| 2-13 | Willa Davie & Jonathan Bews |
| 7-13 | Alicia Santin & Randy Senter |
| 7-13 | Dean Chase & Deborah Elliott |
| 7-13 | Jerod Florentine & Dawn Welch |
| 7-13 | Timothy Crowley & Angela DesRoberts |
| 7-13 | Joseph Doucette Jr. & Teishia Sheehan |
| 8-13 | Troy Sanborn & Kathleen Iannelli |
| 8-13 | Steven Bartlett & Viola Ordway |
| 9-13 | Earl Pixley & Judy Batchelder |
| 9-13 | Lynette George & Chad Emerson |
| 9-13 | Carl Blaisdell & Gloria Gerber |
| 10-13 | Anna Moulton & Linda Sheridan |
| 11-13 | Sarah Matchett & Kathryn Goody |

Births

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Parents</u> |
|-------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 5-21 | Riley Justin Gelsleichter | Amanda Smith & Roy Gelsleichter |
| 10-17 | Avery Kyla Beaupre | Megan Letourneau & Parker Beaupre |
| 11-14 | Zara Louise Smith | Cassandra Woodworth & Jeremy Smith |

Deaths

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Age</u> | <u>Date</u> |
|-----------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Marian Virginia Elliott | 93 | 1-4 |
| Mary Nelson Loud | 92 | 1-31 |
| Kevin Joseph Paradise | 47 | 2-5 |
| Alta Roberts Brown | --- | 2-8 |
| Henry Lewis Speer | 83 | 2-10 |
| Doris Gibson Berry | 105 | 5-18 |
| Russell George Bullard | 64 | 4-22 |
| Erwin Reginald Libbey Jr | 65 | 6-3 |
| Robert Allen Yaroshevich Sr | 68 | 6-25 |
| Jasmine Lilyanne Marie Paye | 14 | 7-20 |
| Wesley Douglas Brill | 85 | 8-8 |
| Tim Adam Sanville | 55 | 8-21 |
| Frances R Hetu | 93 | 9-18 |
| Kenneth Stewart Gibson | 85 | 10-1 |
| Maxine Helen Hoisington | 84 | 10-23 |
| Pierre Joseph Beaulieu | 55 | 11 |
| Matalida Goforth | -- | 11-2 |
| Winona Burtell Phelps | 84 | 11-11 |
| Harvey Fay Hatch | 68 | 11-20 |
| Marie Theresa Williams | 88 | 12-31 |

Warning Annual Town Meeting- Tuesday, March 4, 2014

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 fourth of March, 2014 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 review and act on the reports of the town officers.

ARTICLE 3: Shall the Town authorize a total general and highway fund expenditure for 2014 operating expenses of \$928,204.23?

ARTICLE 4: Shall the Town vote to raise money by taxation to meet the 2014 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 Selectboard including such additional funds as may be appropriated under other articles at this meeting, and to authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to provide the same?

ARTICLE 5: Shall the Town authorize payment of real property taxes to the Town Treasurer in one installment, due September 10th and becoming delinquent on October 10th with interest assessed on unpaid taxes pursuant to 32 VSA 4873?

ARTICLE 6: Shall the Town vote to exempt the property owned by Blue Mountain Grange from road and general fund property taxes for a period of five years pursuant to Title 32 VSA 3840?

ARTICLE 7: Shall the Town elect a Collector of Delinquent Taxes and take such action with respect to his/her fees and commissions as judged to be advantageous to the town?

ARTICLE 8: To elect by ballot one School Director to serve on the Board of Union School District #21 for a term of three years.

ARTICLE 9: To elect all other necessary Town Officers and direct the Board of Selectmen to fix their compensation.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will instruct the Select Board to set up a Junkyard Ordinance based on the draft contained in the Town Report.

ARTICLE 11: By Petition:

Whereas the establishment of a State Bank of Vermont will help towns reduce the tax burden on local taxpayers by offering low cost bonds for infrastructure and a depository for their accounts with competitive interest, and will help create jobs, income, and economic security for all Vermonters by making investments and loans in Vermont's people and economy.

We call on the State Legislature to Create a Public Bank for Vermont which enhances the work of the Vermont Economic Development Agency, the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation, the Vermont Housing Authority, and the Municipal Bond Bank and license them to become a State Bank that accepts deposits from the state and municipal governments and makes partnership loans with Vermont chartered community banks and credit unions to students, homeowners, municipalities and enterprises to make Vermont economically stable, self-reliant and successful.

ARTICLE 12: To transact any other nonbinding business that may properly come before this meeting.

Select Board:


Paul Keenan Andrew Smith Claudette Sortino

Recorded before Posting:

Marsha Nelson, Clerk

Important Telephone Numbers and Information

Emergency or Fire 911

RYEGATE TOWN WEBSITE- WWW.RYEGATEVT.ORG

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|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| 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

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|-------------------|---------------|
| Paul Keenan | 802-757-3801 |
| Claudette Sortino | 802- 584-4263 |
| Andy Smith | 802-633-2260 |

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|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 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 Town Office Building

Town Clerk- Mon 1-5, 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